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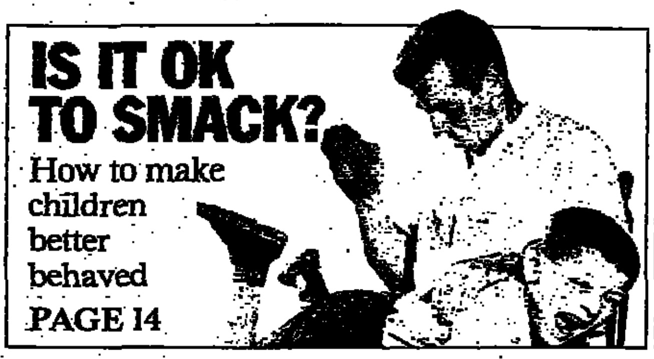

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Public to help in choosing judges

Labour faces row over reforms to end elitism in the judiciary

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

PLANS for lay people to help select judges threaten to embroil ministers in a row with the legal establishment over the "politicisation" of the judiciary.

The Times learnt last night that the Lord Chancellor's officials are drafting proposals to introduce public scrutiny and accountability into the way judges are chosen and to redress the imbalance of a judiciary dominated by white, middle-class men.

The plans of Lord Irvine of Lairg would create a Judicial Appointments Commission, including lay as well as legal members, possibly appointed by ministers, which would draw up shortlists of candidates for judicial posts. A Commission would dilute the power of the judges who have traditionally made confidential recommendations to the Lord Chancellor for the top posts.

The present system has been criticised as being too secretive and heavily reliant on confidential files based on private soundings taken by officials from judges and the profession. Under the reforms, which will be published in a consultation paper later in the summer, judges would still be consulted on candidates. But in what some judges see as a recipe for conflict, the Commission would have the final say over the shortlist of names to go to the Lord Chancellor.

The plans are a mark of Labour's determination to tackle concern at the "elitist" educational background of judges. Recent figures showed that there were no women among 12 law lords; one woman among the 35 Court of Appeal judges and seven out of 96 High Court judges. Ethnic minority judges accounted for five of 517 circuit judges, 12 out of 891 recorders, nine of 354 assistant recorders and two out of 322 district judges.

Labour believes that it is unhealthy for the power of appointment to rest chiefly with the Lord Chancellor. But the Judges' Council, which represents the five most senior judges, takes the opposite view. It says the move would "introduce politics into the process". Lord Taylor, the late Lord Chief Justice, told the recent Home Affairs Committee of MPs that he could not "imagine anything more horrific".

Yesterday a senior Court of Appeal judge, Lord Justice Saville, said that judges would want to see the details before forming a view. But he added: "Judges rightly would be concerned, until they see the White Paper, about the dangers of politicising the system."

The present system worked well, he added. "But from the public's point of view, it is not seen to work well — people think it is all rather secretive." If that could be addressed, without creating the dangers of an American-style selection system, then judges would be ready to consider it.

The Law Society, the Association of Women Barristers and groups such as Justice all urged the creation of a Commission in evidence to the Home Affairs Committee which reported on judicial appointments last year. The MPs rejected a Commission, splitting on party political lines. But the Labour members, including Chris Mullin, MP for Sunderland, strongly backed a Commission. He said: "We are concerned that an astonishing 80 per cent of the senior judiciary were privately educated."

Inevitably, a Commission will dilute the judges' power of appointment. If it rubber stamps their views, there is no point having it, supporters argue. But if it disagrees, then there is potential for public confrontation.

Juppé quits to give coalition five days to turn poll tide

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

ALAIN JUPPÉ, France's embattled and unpopular Prime Minister, said yesterday that he would resign whatever the outcome of the country's parliamentary elections.

M Juppé's announcement, a last-ditch attempt to turn the electoral tide before the final ballot on Sunday, came the day after his centre-right coalition suffered a drastic mauling in the first round of voting.

"A new team led by a new Prime Minister is needed," M Juppé told colleagues after meeting President Chirac.

M Juppé, 51, was blamed by voters for high taxes, rising unemployment and austerity measures aimed at ensuring that France qualifies to join the single European currency on time.

On Sunday the voters took their revenge, leaving the centre-right coalition trailing the left-wing parties by six percentage points and raising the spectre of an uncomfortable "cohabitation" between the conservative President and a Socialist-led Government.

"I will continue leading until the end of the combat. After that, I shall feel my task has been completed. A new stage must now begin. We have one week left to make the French people better understand our vision of the future," M Juppé said.

Opposition leaders said the Prime Minister's move was an admission of failure. "This announcement is a sign of the coalition's panic in the face of a massive rejection by the electorate," Jack Lang, the former Socialist Culture Minister, said.

Opinion polls consistently showed M Juppé to be the least popular Prime Minister in modern French history, but M Chirac refused to dismiss his longest-serving adviser despite repeated sniping from within government ranks. Last week M Chirac told aides that he would reappoint M Juppé if the centre-right majority was renewed.

Whether M Juppé's departure will be enough to restore faith in the centre-right coalition in an increasingly tight race depends on the next five days of campaigning and who emerges as the likely candidate to replace him in the event of a centre-right victory.

M Chirac is due to make a televised address to the nation tonight, when he is expected to appeal for support but is unlikely to name the next Prime Minister.

Front-runners to step into M Juppé's shoes if the Centre-Right wins include Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist parliamentary speaker and prominent Eurosceptic, and Edouard Balladur, the former Prime Minister who ran lost the presidential race to M Chirac two years ago.

The President called the snap parliamentary election nearly a year early in an effort to gain a renewed mandate for the centre-right coalition in the run-up to European economic and monetary union. With M Juppé on the way out, M Chirac's gamble may just pay off.

Fellow members of the ruling coalition, including several who are jockeying to replace him, last night praised M Juppé for his "courageous" decision to step down. But it remained unclear whether the Prime Minister had fallen on his sword voluntarily, or whether the weapon had been handed to him by M Chirac.

Jean-Marie Le Pen, leader of the extreme-right National Front, which made significant gains in the first round, said that the President had obliged his Prime Minister to commit a "version of hara-kiri".

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CHRIS HARRIS

THE warmest Whitsun bank holiday for five years brought out the crowds and the big wheel riders at Bournemouth, where the temperature reached 21C (70F).

Temperatures climbed steadily throughout the day to reach 22C in many inland areas. However, the North had a cloudy afternoon although eastern and central Scotland were warm. The London Weather Centre said temperatures might drop today it should stay fine for the rest of the week.

Roads and big out-of-town shopping centres remained comparatively quiet with few reports of traffic jams although a military tanker overturned and shed 6,000 litres of aviation fuel on the M6, which was closed in both directions between junction 14 and junction 15, the main-turn-off for the Alton Towers theme park in Staffordshire.

With the beginning of school half terms many families made last-minute bookings on cross-channel ferries and airports were crowded. Manchester expected to handle 115,000 travellers over the weekend, with Majorca, the Costa del Sol and Tenerife the most popular destinations. Gatwick moved more than 342,000 pasengers and Heathrow 650,000, mostly to New York, Amsterdam, Paris and Dublin. Ferries took more than 200,000 passengers to the Continent.

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Brown takes over EMU preparations from Bank

By Philip Bassett
and Andrew Pierce

GORDON BROWN has stepped up his efforts to prepare Britain for a single currency by taking control of some of the key preparations from the Bank of England.

The Treasury is working on detailed guidelines that will advise businessmen to make their companies ready for full economic and monetary union (EMU). The guidelines, which will be published within months, spell out precisely what membership of the euro would mean to companies.

The disclosure that the Chancellor has not only taken over the preparations from the Bank, but set them in train, will heighten suspicions that the Government intends to join a single currency.

The Treasury held talks at the end of last week with officials from a range of key organisations including the Bank, the Confederation of British Industry and the British Chambers of Commerce. Mr Brown has not decided on whether to embark on a joint publication with the three organisations or to publish his own document and use the three organisations to distribute it through their regional and local networks. The guidelines will offer detailed advice to companies about the adjustments they will have to make to their operations including changes to computer systems.

But there were signs yesterday of unease on the Labour backbenches. Denzil Davies, MP for Llanelli, who was Treasury Minister in the last Labour Government, said: "This is another clear sign that there is an agenda at the Treasury under Gordon Brown to bring in a single currency. This move has confirmed my

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Bell set to join sleaze inquiry

Martin Bell, the first independent MP for 50 years, is poised to join the Commons standards and privileges committee which aims to root out sleaze in Parliamentary life. He may have to examine Neil Hamilton, his vanquished opponent in Tatton, over cash-for-questions................ Page 2

Violent crime rate equals America's

Robbery, assaults and sexual attacks on women are as high in England and Wales as in America. People are more anxious about going out alone after dark than members of any of the other ten states studied as part of an international crime survey...... Page 2

Drifting ice hazard as British women near Pole

Hudson: near target

By Kathryn Knight

FOUR British women were battling the last few miles across shifting ice last night to become the first all-female team to reach the North Pole.

Caroline Hamilton, 32, Pom Oliver, 45, Zoe Hudson, 30, and Lucy Roberts, 27, had only 16 miles to go when they last made contact with base camp early yesterday morning — but faced melting ice and fog as they raced to complete the 125-mile last leg of the two-month relay.

They may become marooned at the Pole if the weather is not clear enough for a plane to land and take them back to their Resolute Bay base camp on Cornwallis Island in Canada's northwestern territories. Relatives of the four and expedition organisers were there waiting for news of Penguin Echo's progress. They were preparing to fly to Eureka, the Arctic weather station from which the rescue plane will take off.

Pen Hadow, an organiser, said that the women were having to walk longer hours with their sledges to compensate for a strong Arctic Ocean current that pushes the ice backwards. "It is like walking on a treadmill. They will want to spend as much time as they can walking, because up to 15 miles a day can be lost by drifting. At this point anything could happen because the ice is breaking up and drifting so much."

He added: "The ideal is that they stay at the Pole an hour, plant their flags and take their photos but they have had to reconcile themselves to the possibility of a long wait.

"If the weather is bad then we won't be able to get a plane to them. They have supplies to get them through a few days if necessary but obviously we're hoping to pick them up on a high."

Also at base camp is Tim Oliver, a brother of Ms Oliver,

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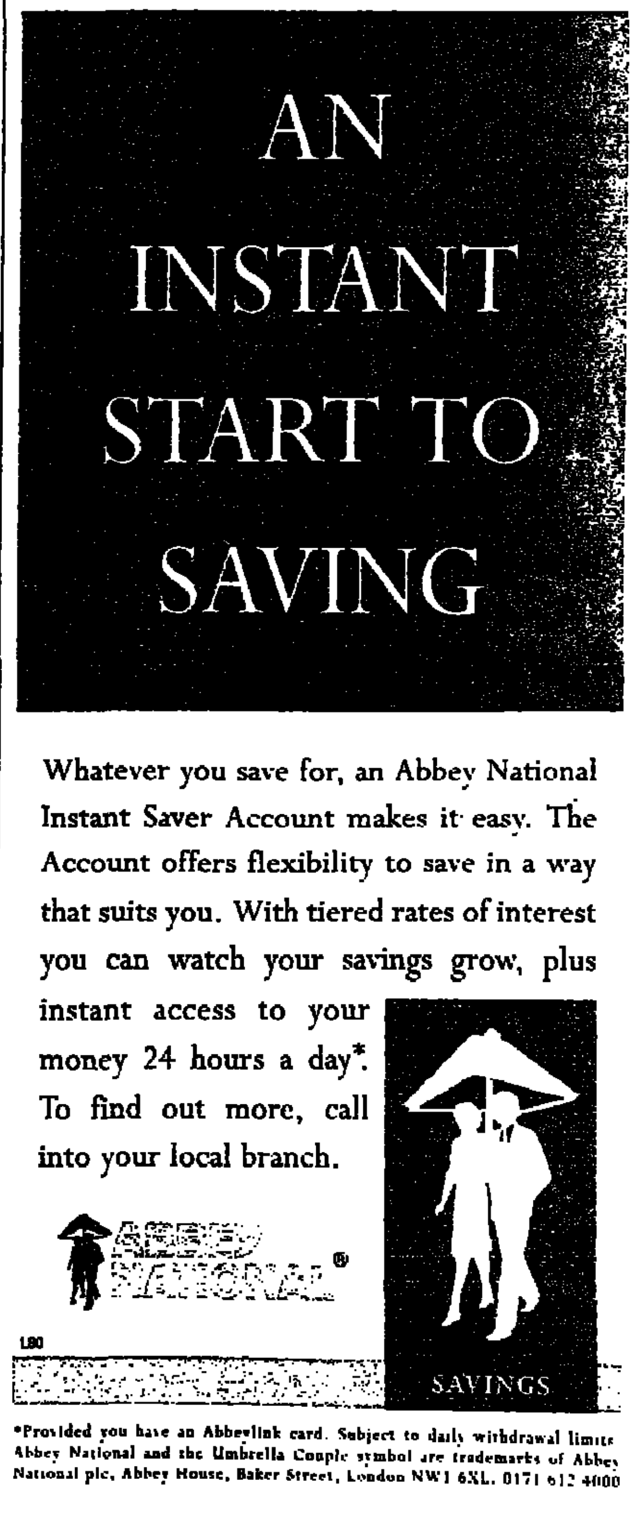

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Slim pickings mean last orders for Tory gentlemen's dining clubs

Waldegrave: a casualty of the Blue Chip club

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S landslide victory at the general election has administered a body blow to yet another venerable Tory institution, the gentlemen's dining club.

The clubs faded under Margaret Thatcher and John Major until about a dozen survived. But with only 164 Tory MPs, many of these will fold as there are not enough to go round.

The ranks of the Blue Chip dining club, made up of MPs elected in 1979, have been particularly hard hit. William Waldegrave was one of the club's best known casualties. The members included John Patten and Tristan Garel-Jones, both former ministers who stood down at the election. John Major is another member. "I don't think he is is going to be terribly interested in keeping it going. He is more interested in cricket," one Tory MP said last night.

Nick's Diner, formed in 1971, is also about to fold up the napkins for the last time. It was set up by Sir Nicholas Scott, who was deselected as the Tory MP for Kensington and Chelsea last year.

On the right-of-centre, the Snakes and Ladders club, set up in 1990, has suffered a near mortal blow. The founding members, Sir Rhodes Boyson, Bob Dunn and James Pawsey, all lost their seats. Hartley Booth, a regular attender, failed to secure a berth when his Finchley seat disappeared in boundary changes. The club hosted serious discussions with invited guests and got its name from the fact that "life is like that". However, it will attempt to soldier on.

One club has already gone into extinction. The Currie Club was set up by Tory MPs as a snub to Edwina Currie over her lectures on the British diet when she was a junior minister. They used to meet in restaurants and choose the stodgiest food. But with the demise of Mrs Currie at the election it has lost its *raison d'être*.

Not all Tory MPs are downhearted and some predict that the art of political dining will make a comeback. They hope that, true to the spirit of Disraeli, tables laden with overcooked beef and fine claret may become the key to the intellectual reinvigoration of the Party.

Tim Yeo, who, in 1984 founded The Third Term Group, which meets in MPs' London flats where an acquiescent wife obliges with the cooking, is planning a recruitment drive. Membership is supposed to be secret, but two leading luminaries are William Hague and Virginia Bottomley, Cabinet ministers in the last government. "We used to publish papers but over the years we found it more convivial merely to dine," Mr Yeo said yesterday.

"But now we are in opposition, and ministers are not bound by collective responsibility, we may return to more serious discussions. The reorganisation of the party will be on one of our first menus."

The One Nation, the oldest Westminster dining club, is hoping to woo heavyweight figures such as Kenneth Clarke, whose membership was suspended when he joined the government in 1979. Apart from representing the moderate wing of the party, the One Nation club serves food and wine that is reputedly the best at Westminster. Membership costs £100 a year and dinners are held each Wednesday.

Robert Jackson, the MP for Wantage and the club secretary, predicted that far from dying out, dining clubs would enjoy a renaissance. "Now we are in opposition, I think the dining clubs will produce discussion papers and pamphlets once again. But the times when MPs wrote a manifesto over several glasses of port and stilton are gone."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rifkind concedes benefits of devolution

Malcolm Rifkind, the former Scottish Secretary, has abandoned the Conservatives' pre-election argument that Scottish devolution would lead inevitably to the break-up of the United Kingdom. He conceded that there could be advantages to the creation of an elected assembly for Scotland.

Mr Rifkind, who lost the seat of Edinburgh Pentlands, insisted that devolution would put the United Kingdom at risk. But, he told *The Scotsman*: "I also believe the innate good sense of the Scottish and the English means that it is highly probable the UK will survive."

McAliskey birth

Roisin McAliskey, the terrorist suspect, gave birth to a 5lb 13oz girl in a hospital in north London yesterday. Sean McCotter, the father, and Bernadette McAliskey, its grandmother, were present during the ten-hour labour. Ms McAliskey, 25, has been held in Holloway prison while fighting extradition to Germany where she is wanted in connection with an IRA bomb attack on a British army base at Osnabruck last year.

Whitehall league

The Government has indicated it will publish league tables of the worst and best employers in the public service. The move could affect every department in Whitehall and many Government agencies. Senior officials will be expected to draw up a performance plan offering staff training opportunities and personal targets as part of a morale-boosting strategy after years in which posts were hived off to the private sector.

Prime of life

Helen Mirren has been voted the sexiest woman on television at the age of 50. In a *Radio Times* survey answered by 35,000 viewers, the star of *Prime Suspect* received 21 per cent of the vote. Gillian Anderson, 28, of *The X-Files*, received 16 per cent. David Duchovny, 36, also of *The X-Files*, was rated the sexiest man with 20 per cent, followed by George Clooney, 36, of *ER*, who was backed by 17 per cent.

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England and Wales head crime league of western nations

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

ROBBERY, assaults and sexual attacks on women are as high in England and Wales as in the United States, according to an international survey highlighting their position at the top of the crime league.

People in England and Wales are the most likely to be victims of crime and face the highest risks of being burgled or having their car stolen than citizens of other leading western countries. Fear of crime is so great that people are more anxious about going out alone after dark than those in any of the ten other states studied as part of the 1996 International Crime Victimisation Survey.

The survey, prepared by the Home Office and the Ministry of Justice in The Netherlands, found that more than a third of people in England and Wales have been a victim of crime in the last year — one of the highest rates in the industrialised world. The crime record is worse than in the US, Canada, France, Switzerland, Scotland, Sweden, Finland, Austria and Northern Ireland. Only The Netherlands comes close to the record of England and Wales. Italy and Germany were not included in the study and the figures for Northern Ireland must be treated with caution because of the activities of paramilitaries. The survey consisted of interviews with a total of 20,000 people in 11 countries.

Yesterday Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said: "This confirms what I have been saying over the years about the record of England and Wales for crime. It is a shocking, striking fact that England and Wales do have the worst record on car crime and burglary and gratuitous violence among most European countries."

Mr Straw, who was making his debut at the European Union Council of Ministers in Brussels, said the crime rate was the result of "incompetent Conservative administration", particularly the previous Government's failure to tackle the underlying causes of juvenile crime. He aimed to push through Labour's promise to put more police on patrol, and to appoint prominent crown prosecutors with responsibility similar to that of US District Attorneys.

Last night Michael Howard, the former Home Secretary, said the study should be treated with caution. He said victim-based crime surveys could sometimes create a more frightening picture than actually existed. He said he would not accept that crimes such as robbery and assault were as high in England and Wales as in the US. He pointed to an OECD survey published recently which showed that Britain had the highest fall in crime of any developed country between 1993 and 1995, the last year for which figures were available.

Michael Hough, director of the criminal policy research unit at South Bank University, said one factor for England and Wales having such a high crime rate was that they were heavily urbanised. With people living closer together and with fewer people per household in Britain than in other European countries, there were more opportunities for crimes such as burglary. Professor Hough said focusing on young offenders and getting the criminal justice system to work more efficiently was more sensible than having tough, expensive penalties targeted at older offenders.

Crack habit costs £20,000 a year

By Our Home Correspondent

ADDICTS of crack cocaine spend an average of £20,000 a year on drugs, most of them raising the cash through crime, according to a Home Office study.

Many users of crack had a menu of other drugs that they took regularly to counter the "high" experience of cocaine with its subsequent "comedown". Among other drugs on the list were heroin and cannabis.

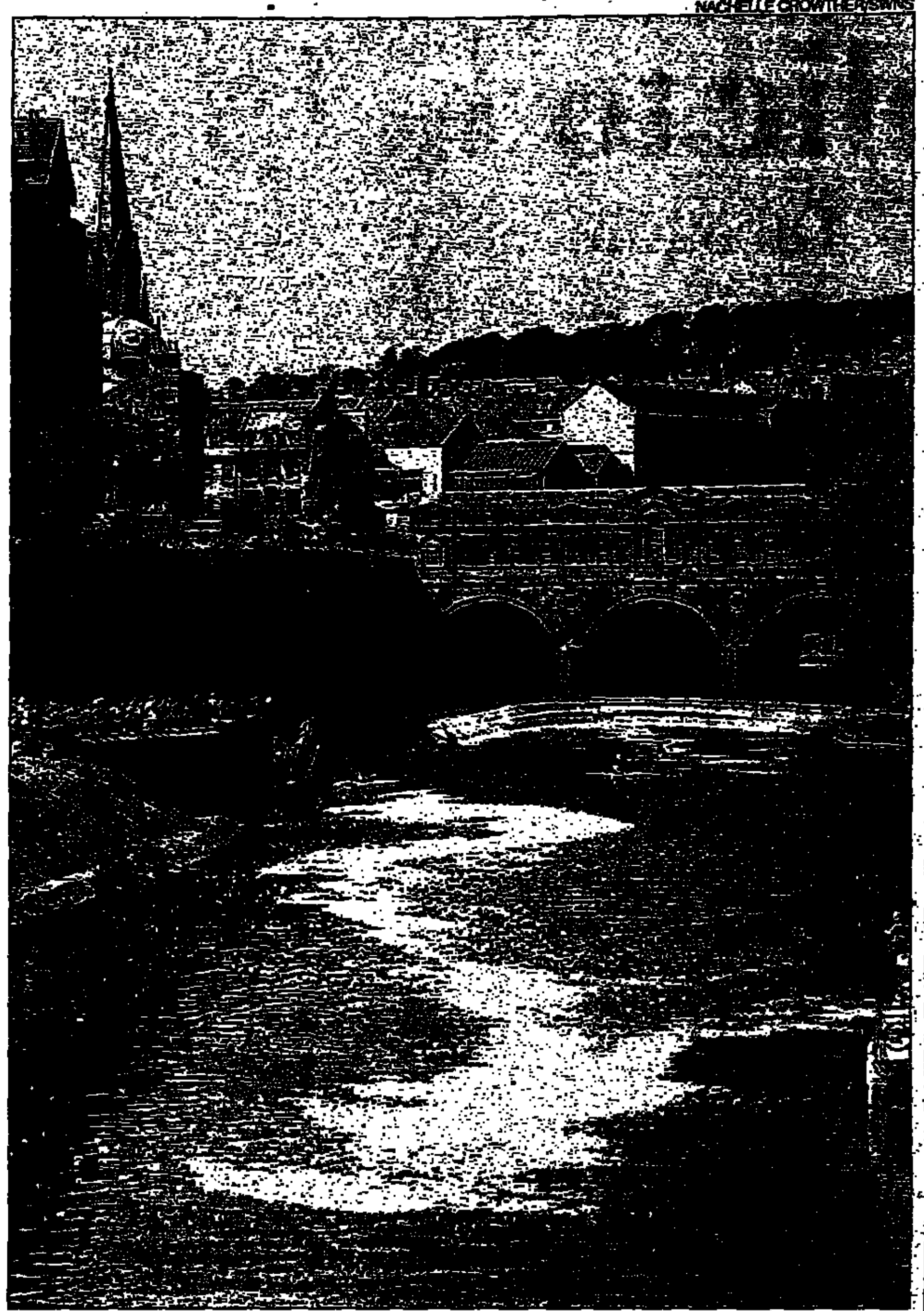
The links between drug-taking, crime and the "black" economy are confirmed by the research carried out in Greater Manchester, which found addicts working for cash or turning to burglary and prostitution.

Although weekly crack bills ranged from £10 to £1,500, the need for other drugs pushed spending to more than £2,000 for some people. A crack cocaine addict's total drug bill ranged from £6,000 to £40,000 a year.

The report, *Crack cocaine and drugs crime careers*, warns the Government of an increase in drug-driven crime and drug dealing, especially if crack takes a grip on deprived areas. Crack is spreading primarily among vulnerable individuals in poor areas, it says.

Two thirds of the sample of 63 were men in their mid to late twenties, mainly living on state benefits. Only eight had full-time jobs and all of these were in the black economy as they were paid cash. They were heavy smokers, two thirds had been regular users of cannabis and a similar number had tried heroin before turning to crack cocaine.

Crack cocaine is a cooked form of powder cocaine. It produces more intense cravings.



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A host of yellow plastic ducks nodding their way down the River Avon yesterday

WaterAid off a duck's back

ONE hundred thousand yellow plastic ducks cascaded into the River Avon yesterday with the aim of making a record-breaking splash for the charity WaterAid.

The event, which it is hoped will enter *The Guinness Book of Records* as the largest duck race, could raise more than £50,000 for projects in Ethiopia.

"It's absolutely great," Jon Lane, the charity's director, said. "With just £10 we can provide clean water for life for someone in Africa. So 5,000 Ethiopians have been helped to a better future."

Hundreds of onlookers gathered in the hope that their duck, sponsored for £1, would win them an 11-day holiday in Iceland, home to some of the rarest duck species.

A spokeswoman for Wessex Water, sponsors of the race, said: "We have to make sure that every single bird gets to the end. For environmental reasons, we cannot leave any ducks in the river."

Fitting the bill at £1 a go

Bell to join Commons standards committee

By Andrew Pierce
Political Correspondent

MARTIN BELL, the first independent MP for 50 years, is expected to join the Commons Committee on Standards and Privileges, one of whose first duties could be the cross-examination of Neil Hamilton, his vanquished opponent in the battle for Tatton, over the cash-for-questions affair.

It emerged last night that the report by the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards into the allegations, which dogged the Major Government for two years, could be published within weeks. The new standards and privileges committee will have powers to question MPs who lost their seats at the election on May 1.

Labour will enjoy a majority over the Conservatives on the 11-strong committee, and it has been suggested that the party might be prepared to surrender one of its places to Mr Bell. He said that he was excited by the prospect of joining the committee, but has offered to stand aside when it questions Mr Hamilton.

"I have made my interests known," he said last night. "I was elected on a platform of trying to stamp out sleaze and corruption. It is entirely up to the House authorities to decide — I am the new boy — but I would like to do it. I have heard some very encouraging noises."

All the MPs still under investigation by Sir Gordon Downey when the election was called either lost their seats on May 1 or retired from the Commons. They include Gerald Malone, the former Tory MP for Winchester, who lost the seat to the Liberal Democrats by two votes after a third recount, and who is going to the High Court to try to overturn the result.

Mr Hamilton, who, when the election was called, was defending a notional Conservative majority of 22,500 in the redrawn Tatton constituency, lost to Mr Bell by a margin of 11,077 after Labour and the Liberal Democrats withdrew their candidates.

Drifting ice delays polar women

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who will be taking champagne to crack open at the Pole. "Unusually I think it will be a matter of trying to keep it warm," he said. "But we are determined to celebrate in style as this is a tremendous achievement. Very few people ever make it and my brother and I are really proud."

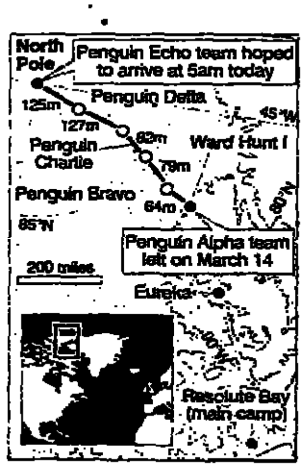
Jane Hamilton, mother of Miss Hamilton, the expedition leader, had never had any doubt that the team would succeed. "We're very, very excited. I've always had complete confidence in all the women. They all have great spirit. The only thing they can't conquer is the weather. What they are about to do is truly historic."

The 20 women have made the polar trek as a relay team, each four-member group being pulled out after completing its leg of the journey. Penguin Alpha set off on foot on March 3 from Ward Hunt island, off the northern coast of Ellesmere, the northernmost land in Canada, heading north for 64 miles before being taken over by Penguin Bravo.

The penultimate team, which included the Queen Mother's great-niece Rosie Clayton, 37, spent four days and nights isolated on cracking, drifting ice at the end of their leg. They were down to their last few pieces of chocolate when airlifted out earlier this month.

Drama came after only 12 days of the expedition when Ann Daniels, a 32-year-old mother of triplets, plunged through the ice into the freezing Arctic Ocean.

The twenty women were selected for the McVities Polar Relay after a series of rigorous training sessions on Dartmoor, Devon and the Brecon Beacons in Wales.



Brown prepares for EMU

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suspicions. All the measures he has taken so far, such as giving control over interest rates to the Bank, are in preparation for a single currency. We will be watching carefully what the Government does from now on."

Ministers are waiting for the outcome of the latest CBI consultation on a single currency to give the Government an indication of what companies think about the euro. The findings are expected to show that large firms favour joining EMU.

Many businessmen believe that the appointment of pro-European personalities such as Sir David Simon, as Minister for Trade and Competitiveness in Europe, has increased the pressure on Tony Blair to agree to join the euro.

Ministers insist that no such decision has been made and that "formidable obstacles" remain to the United Kingdom joining, especially in the first wave on January 1, 1999. Labour's election manifesto pledged a referendum first.

John Redwood, the Eurosceptic Tory leadership contender, was dismayed. He said: "Gordon Brown and his Treasury team have gutted and filleted the Bank of England in preparation for it becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the European central bank. This is further proof that they are preparing to surrender the pound."

Writing in today's *Times*, he widens his attack against Mr Blair on Europe and speaks of a new country called Europe being created if Britain signs up to the Amsterdam treaty next month. "It will be all over. Parliament will become a town council."

John Redwood, page 18

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Josie Russell fears a return to hospital

Surgery poses new horrors for victim of hammer attack

By Richard Duce

JOSIE RUSSELL, the girl left for dead by the killer of her mother and sister, is so frightened of going back into hospital for further surgery to treat her injuries that she has threatened to run away from home.

Doctors recently advised Josie, aged ten, and her father, Shaun Russell, that she will probably need an artificial plate inserted in her skull. The plate, likely to be made from titanium, will cover a 20cm-square hole left by the hammer attack last summer.

She almost died in the assault in which her mother, Lin, and six year-old sister, Megan, were murdered as they walked home from school to the village of Nonington, near Canterbury, in July. The killer is still at large.

Father and daughter are now rebuilding their lives in North Wales, from where Dr Russell said: "Josie is tremendously unhappy about the idea of returning to hospital and was threatening to run away from home." It has been decided that, should Josie need the operation, she will not return to the hospital in London where she spent seven weeks after the attack.

"She looks back at the time with horror. It was the worst time of her life in terms of pain and horror." It was in hospital that Josie was told that both her mother and sister had been killed and where she embarked on intensive therapy to improve her speech, which has still been left damaged by the attack.

Any new operation, which could keep her in hospital for up to ten days, is likely to be carried out in Liverpool or Manchester.

"The big thing for Josie is that it might mean having her hair shaved off again. Her hair has now grown over her wounds." Dr Russell said. She took to wearing an assortment of hats after her initial operation last year to cover her scars and the fact that her hair was shorn.

> ‘ She is unhappy about the idea of returning to hospital and was threatening to run away from home ’

Dr Russell, 47, who lives with his daughter in a former slateminer's cottage near Caernavon, said: "I am a lay person and have to be guided by the experts. If I am told it is absolutely necessary I will have to help Josie to get through it."

Membrane from Josie's left thigh has already been grafted to the head wound above her ear as a protective layer to cover the small piece of outer brain tissue. Doctors will now have to assess whether the "open" wound poses a long-term threat to a girl who loves riding horses and could take a fall at any time.

"She is very settled at the moment, conducting a normal life. She has her friends here and loves riding her ponies. She loves it here." For her birthday, she went to Butlin's at Pwllheli.

She has returned to the Welsh-speaking school she attended for three years before the Russell family moved to Kent. Dr Russell's contract with Kent University as a lecturer in nature conservation expires next month and he is now looking for work that he can do from home. "I can't take much on because looking after Josie is my primary concern," he explained.

Dr Russell, who realises that media attention will again focus on his daughter when the anniversary of the murders is reached in July, prefers not to discuss the police investigation into the murders. Detectives recently disclosed that Mrs Russell and Megan had been tied up before being killed, but will not say whether Josie was also bound. Police who found her, after Dr Russell reported his family missing, initially believed her to be dead. She once returned to the scene of the murders in an attempt to help police, but without success.

Dr Russell took the decision to leave Nonington as being in the best interests of his daughter once she had recovered from her physical injuries. The family's love of North Wales was such that Dr Russell took the decision to have his wife and daughter buried in a 14th-century churchyard not far from their new home.

Josie Russell with the Duchess of Kent last year: She took to wearing hats to cover her scars and shorn hair

ANDREA O'HARE

Grainne McGuinness: her father has shielded his children from public attention

Martin McGuinness's model daughter steps into limelight

By Nicholas Watt

SHE gazes wistfully from a window like a trapped princess in a fairy tale. The young woman in this picture has been inundated with offers of modelling work after her portrait won second prize in a national photographic competition. The prospect is believed to have horrified her father, Martin McGuinness, the chief negotiator for Sinn Fein.

Last night, Grainne McGuinness, 21, was said to have turned down the chance to pursue a lucrative modelling career after the picture's success in the Fuji UK Photographic awards. Her father, the newly elected MP for Mid-Ulster, and his wife, Bernadette, lead their family life behind tight security in a small terraced house in the Roman Catholic Bogside area of Londonderry, and have gone out of their way to shield their five children from public attention.

Grainne is their eldest daughter and works for a fashionable clothes shop in her home town. The local photographer who took the picture said that she had a future as a model. Andrea O'Hare said: "She's good, a superb natural. She is very easy to photograph and she got into a pose with no problem whatsoever."

Mr McGuinness, 46, is a teetotaller and a non-smoker, who regularly attends Mass. Dr Edward Daly, the former Roman Catholic Bishop of Derry, said that he fundamentally disagreed with Mr McGuinness on violence, which the Sinn Fein man believed to be "morally justified". However, Dr Daly described Mr McGuinness's private life as exemplary: "He is a good father, a good husband, a strong churchgoer. I believe him to be honest and upright in his moral conduct."

Grainne McGuinness is not the only offspring of a republican leader to be making waves. Gearoid Adams, the 23-year-old son of Gerry Adams, is an accomplished Gaelic football player who is a member of the Co Antrim team.

Call for tighter safety checks as kick-boxer dies after fight

By Nicholas Watt, chief Ireland correspondent

A KICK-BOXER aged 18 died in hospital yesterday after collapsing in the ring at the end of a gruelling fight in front of a large crowd of supporters, including his parents.

Sean McBride, who had won his bout in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, on Friday night, is believed to be the first kick-boxer to die at a fight in the British Isles. His death led to calls for tougher safety checks at competitions.

Mr McBride's parents said last night that they had watched in horror as their son collapsed at the Glengannon Hotel. They were unable to fight their way through the crowds as he was carried out to an ambulance on a stretcher. The kick-boxer was taken by to the nearby South Tyrone Hospital and later transferred to the Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast. He was put on a life-support machine but never regained consciousness. He was declared clinically dead on Sunday and the machine was switched off yesterday.

Mary McBride, who watched the fight with her husband, also Sean, and three daughters, said: "It's an awful tragedy. It's unbelievable. He was our only son. He seemed to be all right and then suddenly he dropped. He was on a stretcher being taken away by the ambulancemen and I couldn't get close to him."

Mrs McBride, who was speaking at her home in Cabra, near Dungannon, said that her son had only recently taken up kick-boxing again. In September he had been at the wheel of a car which crashed, killing his best friend. "After that accident he lost all interest in kick-boxing, but then he started again. Football and boxing was his life."

Police are investigating Mr McBride's death and are to interview two brothers, Stewart and Conrad Kirk, who organised the fight. They were unavailable for comment last night.

Mr McBride's death fuelled criticism of safety standards at kick-boxing competitions. Billy Murray, the International Sport Kick-Boxing Association world champion, accused the Sports Council of ignoring requests to tighten rules at competitions. He said: "It was a tragedy waiting to happen. For many years we have been battling to get all kick-boxing groups to come together and get a governing body and we have asked the Sports Council to do this on many occasions. They have pushed kick-boxing under the carpet, hoping it will go away, but it won't go away.

"If this was controlled at government level this would not have happened. It was a tragedy to the sport and it's a tragedy for his family. It's a totally unnecessary death."

The sport, devised in the United States in the 1970s by karate experts, is popular in Northern Ireland and Friday night's contest was well attended.

More than 100,000 people have taken up the sport in Britain. All competitors wear lightweight boxing gloves, foam-rubber foot coverings without soles, and mouth, shin and groin guards. Juniors have to wear protective headgear, although this is optional for adults. Fights takes place on a matted square. Points are awarded for blows to the head or body with hands or feet. Most bouts consist of a single three-minute round, although finals can be extended.

McBride: had recently returned to the sport

Cracker to hunt serial litterbug

By Russell Jenkins

A PSYCHOLOGICAL profile like those drawn up by television's Cracker is being prepared to track down a litter lout who strews rubbish around a cathedral town.

Environmental health officers in Chester are consulting medical experts to obtain the the kind of mental portrait more usually developed to track serial killers. But this is no ordinary litterbug.

Dubbed "The Phantom", he cuts up magazines, newspapers and junk mail into 2in squares then, as darkness falls, bicycles around the city scattering the paper from a specially cut hole in his shopping bag. Each of his appearances costs the council about £200 to clear up.

The council has also set up a telephone hotline, alerted neighbourhood watch schemes and begun a joint investigation with the police. But The Phantom, who strikes several times a month, has come close to capture only once — when he bent the front wheel of his bike as he crashed into a kerb while fleeing from a mob of angry residents.

Woman in abortion case may decide to keep baby

By Shirley English

LYNNE KELLY, whose husband is trying to prevent her having an abortion, has indicated that she may keep the child if delays continue. It emerged yesterday that she could face a further week's wait before the appeal brought by her husband can be heard by the House of Lords.

The Whit holiday means that lawyers for James Kelly have faced considerable hurdles in fixing a date for the hearing. The earliest provisional date is next Monday. Mrs Kelly has said she is running out of time to have the abortion without the trauma of an induced labour.

Mr Kelly, 28, of Inverkeithing, Fife, who was convicted of assault on his wife a year ago, has so far lost every round in his legal battle to stop her having a termination. He has been able to halt the operation because the Scottish courts have upheld a temporary ban on his estranged wife having an abortion, in order to maintain the status quo.

On Saturday three judges agreed with earlier rulings that a father had no legal rights to interfere on behalf of his unborn child, but they granted Mr Kelly leave to appeal to the Lords. He is the third father in Britain to take an abortion case to the highest level, but the first to have been given the legal means to stop, even temporarily, the operation taking place.

Today the Court of Session in Edinburgh will hear from Mr Kelly's lawyers when the latest appeal is likely to be heard. Mrs Kelly's one hope would be that the court might decide if the delay is too protracted that in view of the urgency of the situation the operation can go ahead. The appeal petition will be lodged this Wednesday in London. Mr Kelly is on legal aid.

Yesterday Mrs Kelly, 21, a cabaret singer, told a tabloid newspaper that she might decide to keep the child because of the delays. The couple, who have an 18-month-old daughter, Hazel, separated three weeks ago after a stormy marriage during which Mrs Kelly had to stay in a refuge.

At the first appeal hearing on Friday her legal team told the court that it was "a matter of days" before she would be unable to have an abortion without having labour induced. She is believed to be 14 weeks pregnant. She told the Glasgow-based newspaper, the *Daily Record*: "The way things are just now I will carry on with the abortion. But if the matter is delayed further by the courts, then I may have to reconsider my decision.

"If the case goes to the House of Lords, who knows when it will be heard? That could make the difference of me having to have a labour-induced termination, and that is something I would have very strong doubts about."

Yesterday Jane Roe, of the Abortion Law Reform Association, said it would be "extremely unlikely" that the Lords would even hear the latest appeal because previous cases at the level of the Lords had already established the law, and applied throughout Britain.

She added that there was a "fast track" facility for urgent medical hearings.

Final whistle for Nolli the fly-half

By Robin Young

BURLY teenage rugby players breathed a sigh of relief yesterday: they no longer face the risk of having to grapple with a teenage girl.

Daniele Waterman, Minehead Barbarians' star fly-half, has been forced to hang up her boots for three years because she has reached her 13th birthday.

Daniele, who prefers to be known by her nickname, Nolli, is the hard-playing daughter of Bath rugby club's former skipper, Jim Waterman, and she has been playing since she was three.

She strikes fear into the hearts of bigger, beefier boys with her prowess, but Rugby Football Union rules say girls can play in mixed rugby only until the age of 12. Thereafter, they have to wait until their 16th birthday before they can join a women-only team. Nolli, who is 4ft 11in tall and weighs seven stone, recently became her team's junior clubman of the year. Her father, who played for Bath between 1968 and 1982, said it was tragic that she had to stop. A former Oxford Blue, Mr Waterman, who captained Bath in the mid-1970s, said: "Nolli is great at rugby and is awesome on the field. Women's rugby could do with a talent like her and if she does not get the training she needs now the sport could be losing out."

The RFU brought in the age limit three years ago "to protect girls" after taking advice from medical officers. But Mr Waterman claims his daughter is tough enough to stand the knocks on the field. He added: "I have never seen a girl tackle like Nolli. She is very keen on sport and she finds girls' games like netball are just not exhilarating enough. She enjoys the hard physical side of rugby."

Nolli: more than a match for any boy in the team

The Barbarians' coach, Paddy Parnell, believes Nolli is a match for any boy on the pitch. He said: "She is simply the best player of her age we have. She is quite amazing. She is not just good enough for a girl. She is better than any of the boys. Even when she played for the under-nines she was so outstanding that people used to come to watch her. Nolli used to smash hell out of the boys who were much bigger than she was. The most remarkable sight is to see three or four people trying to tackle her and then to see her come out the other side with the ball."

Nolli, a pupil at Minehead Middle School, said: "I'm annoyed at having to give up. I've never been badly hurt playing rugby. I've just had one or two bruises. I want to carry on playing. I hope I might be able to start my own girls' team but there are not many rugby-playing girls in Minehead so it is difficult."

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Injection costing £100 can enable children to walk for the first time without the need for surgery

A shot of poison could ease pain of cerebral palsy

By Richard Duce

A SIMPLE and relatively inexpensive injection promises to enhance life for thousands of children who suffer from cerebral palsy. Yet many doctors remain ignorant of the benefits of botulinum toxin, which is being used with dramatic results at King's College Hospital in south London.

After one or more injections, each costing about £100, parents who believed that their children would have to endure painfully distorted bodies have seen them start to walk.

Often the effects are seen within 72 hours of injection into the muscle affected by cerebral palsy, a disorder that is estimated to afflict two children in every thousand births.

Marion Crouchman, a consultant paediatrician at King's, who has treated 28 children with the toxin, of whom only two failed to benefit, said yesterday: "I would just like doctors to know it is out there. But I must stress that it should only be used by people with lengthy experience of dealing with cerebral palsy."

The toxin, a deadly poison but also an effective muscle relaxant, was first used to treat spasticity — the tightening of muscles — five years ago in the United States. It still has to be licensed for treating children in Britain but could remove the need for some parents to take their children abroad for costly and intensive physiotherapy.

Cerebral palsy was first classified by Sigmund Freud when he was a neurologist. The cause of the condition is unclear, but the brain fails to develop properly and movement can be affected in all four limbs. Conventional treatment has been based on physiotherapy or the use of drugs such as baclofen which have side-effects such as dizziness and drowsiness.

In the past, surgeons have operated on young children to cut tightened muscles but current medical opinion is against such practice in patients under ten.

Dr Crouchman began to use botulinum toxin, administered under general anaesthetic, at King's a year ago after it was first used in Britain at Musgrove Park hospital in Belfast. While the benefits are not long-term, and repeat injections are needed after between four and six months, clinical evidence suggests that patients never revert to their original condition.

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Dr Crouchman said: "Botulinum mimics surgery, but is reversible. It keeps the muscles relaxed in young children so that, after they are ten, they can have orthopaedic surgery. The idea is to maintain normal muscle growth.

"For some children it means the difference between not being able to sit and crawl to being able to sit and walk with support. There is usually a persisting benefit. Nothing achieves what this does in the time and we back it up with physiotherapy."

Dr Crouchman hopes that another benefit of the treatment will be the mental development of the child. "Parts of the brain could be reactivated once the child realises that he can walk or what was once a clawed hand can pick up objects."

The most dramatic results were in a ten-year-old boy rendered functionally blind by the pain of his twisted limbs. He screamed when anyone entered the room, fearing he was about to be touched.

"Within three days of injections in his arms he could sleep without sedation. He scratched his nose for the first time. After ten days he began to track things visually. Before that the pain had been so severe he couldn't see," Dr Crouchman said.

Richard Parnell, research manager for the charity Scope, said he knew some hospitals were using botulinum but could not endorse the drug outright while clinical trials were still being conducted. The charity had helped to sponsor original research in Belfast. "It is an important advance but we still have to be cautious," he said. "We have to wait to see if it passes clinical trials, which might not be for some time."

☐ *Scope runs a cerebral palsy freephone helpline: 0800 626216.*

SIMON WALKER

Michelle Loucaides with Christian, who has gained the use of his left hand

'Treatment has transformed my son's life'

By Richard Duce

LIKE many mothers, Mary Ouzib cried when her son walked for the first time. But for her the moment was especially poignant: she had been told that he would never have proper use of his legs.

Within days of being given a botulinum injection, five-year-old Faser was tottering across the living room of his home in Croydon. Michelle Loucaides, who lives several miles away across south London, was similarly moved when her three-year-old son said: "Look, Mummy, I've got two hands now."

Both boys suffer from cerebral palsy but were fortunate to be seen by specialists at King's College Hospital in southeast London, where the drug is being used on children under ten.

Faser, whose father, Abdul, is an Algerian studying for a career in computing, was born with TB meningitis. The disease left him hemiplegic, with little use of his left leg and arm.

The couple had moved from Ramsgate, Kent, where doctors had told Mrs Ouzib there was little chance that her son would walk properly. In Croydon, Faser was referred to King's, where his parents agreed to the new injection last March.

Mrs Ouzib, 25, said: "It has transformed my son's life. He started walking two days after the injection. I was doing the usual exercises with him when he just walked forward. I was crying, I had never seen him walk before.

"I feel every parent would want to give their child a chance like the one given to my son. Being able to walk has given him so much more confidence and self-esteem."

Mary Ouzib with Faser, who can now walk

Christian Loucaides was born prematurely with an anoxic brain injury and again was hemiplegic down his left side. Mrs Loucaides, 28, from Dulwich, southeast London, said: "He could never open his left hand. Since the injection, he has opened up the hand. I noticed the difference within a couple of days. It has been incredible."

Gareth Jones, a physiotherapist at King's, who with his colleague Rowena Hughes worked with both boys, said: "When botulinum works well, it is very dramatic. Children seem brighter and more attentive after the drug.

"They still need further phsyiotherapy but their quality of life will be vastly improved. No other treatment would get the same results."

Antibody trial gives hope to sufferers of severe brain cancer

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

A NEW treatment has produced encouraging results in a trial against advanced brain cancer, a California biotech company has announced.

Seven out of eight patients with glioblastoma, a fast-growing and malignant tumour, were still alive with complete remission of symptoms up to 15 months after treatment.

"The study results are well beyond the usual expectations in patients with highly malignant brain tumours after surgery," said Professor Clive Taylor, of the University of Southern California, a member of the scientific advisory board of Techniclone, the company responsible for the treatment.

"Considering that almost all patients with this type of aggressive tumour relapse in less than six months, the ability to achieve a 12 to 15-month disease-free period is quite significant."

The therapy uses antibodies, produced by a method developed by Medical Research Council scientists in Cambridge, to target radioisotopes directly on to the tumour cells. Similar methods have been used before, with mixed results. Techniclone, based in Tustin, California, says that its therapy is better because the antibodies are chosen to target not proteins on the surface of cells, but DNA in the nucleus of cells.

Because cancer cells in the middle of a tumour are "leaky" and easily penetrated, the antibodies can reach their targets. Healthy cells are less easily penetrated, so are not attacked.

In the trial, which was conducted in China, the antibodies were attached to a radioactive isotope, iodine-131, and given by injection. The idea was to carry the iodine directly to the tumour, where it would kill the cancer cells.

The patients received three or four doses, once a month, at the Neurological Institute at Six People's Hospital in Shanghai. The results were reported earlier this month by Dr Changying Jiang at a meeting of the Chinese Association of Nuclear Medicine.

He said that seven of the eight patients were still alive, with the longest having been in remission for 15 months since the treatment began.

Glioblastoma is not a particularly rare cancer, with about 400 to 500 new cases every year in Britain. The outlook using existing treatments is poor.

Water beds take pressure off at cow comfort farm

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

COWS that sleep on water beds are happier and produce more milk, according to a farmer whose animals have been lying in luxury for the past three years.

Alan Bristow, former head of Bristow helicopters, said: "We use the beds during the winter months when the cows have to be brought indoors. Milk yields are up by about 7 per cent and vet bills have been slashed. We no longer see damaged knees and hocks, cut teats and bruised shoulders."

Mr Bristow will be the star turn today at a conference at the Harper Adams Agricultural College in Newport, Shropshire. He has patented the design of the beds and licensed Dunlop in Holland to manufacture them. He has been testing 286 of them on his herd of 450 Holstein Friesians at his 2,000-acre Baynards Park Estate at Cranleigh, Surrey.

Mr Bristow's biggest saving has been the £54,000 a year he was spending on straw. Cows using his beds no longer need straw, he claims, which has simplified "mucking out" and improved hygiene, reducing such infections as mastitis. The beds should have a life of 15 to 20 years and cost £98 each.

David Bussey, chairman of the Rural Design and Building Association, which is organising the conference, said: "Farmers are being bombarded with claims from manufacturers all claiming to offer the perfect bed for cows.

"In addition to water beds, there are cheaper ones filled with foam and shredded rubber, but little good information on the best value."

Scientists at the Scottish Agricultural College will try to rectify that this winter by comparing the merits of rubber-filled mattresses with the thin rubber mats covered in straw that most cows lie on.

Mike Kelly, head of farm building design at the college, said: "We will be measuring milk yield and comparing the length of time the cows spend lying on the different types of bedding."

John Hughes, a consultant on cow welfare who will be addressing the conference, has done research showing that 80 per cent of a cow's weight, when the animal is lying down, is borne on its knees or hocks.

"It should be obvious that cows need a surface to lie on indoors that is at least as soft as grass if they are not to suffer injury", he said. "The trouble is ... we have taken advantage of their good nature for too long."

PAUL FIEVEZ

Alan Bristow with some of his pampered Friesians

Death case nurses offer trust fund in bid for clemency

From Roger Maynard in Australia and Joanna Bale

TWO British nurses accused of murdering a colleague in Saudi Arabia are to offer to set up a nursing trust fund in memory of the victim in return for clemency from her family.

Lawyers for the two nurses, Deborah Parry and Lucille McLauchlan, disclosed the plan after the dead woman's brother indicated yesterday that he was having second thoughts about insisting on the death penalty if they were convicted.

Frank Gilford, brother of Yvonne Gilford, said on Australian television: "We'd just like people to realise that we've got three weeks to think about what's going to happen and, until that's over, I don't think anyone's confident they're going to make the right decision. Any decision like this has got to be difficult."

On Sunday the judge at the Supreme Court in al-Khobar, where the nurses are on trial, broke with tradition and urged Ms Gilford's family to "accept as a principle that it may be possible to reach a conciliatory settlement". He adjourned the trial for three weeks so that lawyers could consult Ms Gilford's family to see if they would reconsider their stance on clemency.

Salah Hejailan, one of the nurses' lawyers, said yesterday: "They will write to Mr Gilford in the next couple of days to explain their innocence and ask him to help clear their name. As a gesture of goodwill, they would like to set up and work for a trust fund in Ms Gilford's name, raising money from private and business donations for the nursing profession.

"They are not asking for forgiveness, because they are innocent. They are asking the family to help them out of this unfortunate affair rather than seek revenge. They want the real killer to be found."

According to Saudi law, a "conciliatory settlement" would usually mean accepting money from the accused's family, a minimum of about £10,000, instead of execution in public.

Mr Gilford, of Jamestown, South Australia, said in a radio interview yesterday that he was prepared to discuss the alternatives with prosecution lawyers. "There are more options than just the blood money and the beheading."

Ms Parry, 41, of Alton, Hampshire, and Ms McLauchlan, 31, of Dundee, deny murdering Ms Gilford at the King Fahd Military Medical Complex in Dhahran.

Couple sue after exotic wedding is blown out

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

A COUPLE who should have been married on a Caribbean beach are to sue their tour company because the wedding had to be cancelled when the island was hit by a hurricane.

Sean and Ginny O'Keefe flew to Antigua with 13 members of their family and friends for the ceremony and honeymoon but spent the time sheltering from Hurricane Luis.

Mr and Mrs O'Keefe, of Erith, south London, paid £3,286 for the holiday, which was arranged through Hayes and Jarvis's Holidays Worldwide brochure. Mrs and Mrs O'Keefe claim in their High Court writ that other tour operators such as Virgin, Thomson, Kuoni Airtours and Cosmos evacuated their clients from Antigua before the hurricane struck. They have accused Hayes and Jarvis of breach of contract and/or negligence for its failure to evacuate them from Antigua.

A wedding had to be arranged at short notice once the party were back in England. The writ says that all members of the group feared for their lives when they were caught in the hurricane.

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Ex-soldiers lend skills to army of protesters

By Stephen Farrell

CAMPAIGNERS against the proposed £172 million second runway at Manchester Airport predicted yesterday that the next stage of the bailiffs' operation to clear the camps would prove more difficult for the authorities.

Three of the six camps set up by tree dwellers and tunnellers have been cleared, but three elaborate tunnels in the remaining camps bar the way for the bailiffs trying to clear the land. One of the tunnels, at the Flywood camp, is more than 70ft deep and reinforced with metal and concrete.

The protesters' ranks are reinforced by former soldiers who deploy skills learnt in the Army to resist bailiffs. Up to a dozen of the 60 protesters in six camps near Styal, Cheshire, are disaffected ex-squaddies from the Grenadier Guards, The Parachute Regiment, The Queen's Regiment, and The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment.

Muppet Dave: disgusted by three years in Army

Some drifted into environmental activism after periods of unemployment when they returned to civilian life. Most have now been "Pansied" — declared a Political Activist Not Seeking Employment — by the Department of Social Security and disqualified from claiming benefit. They believe their training equipped them to live rough and to counter the tactics of sheriff's officers who began evictions from the camps eight days ago.

Neville, 42, who joined the Grenadier Guards at the age of 15 and served for four years, said yesterday at Flywood Camp: "Military training is the perfect preparation for this way of life: living in the woods, digging trenches, making bivouacs, surveillance, counter-surveillance and understanding tactics.

"The difference here is that it is a non-violent protest and there is absolutely nobody telling us what to do. It's like an army without Ruperts [officers]. I feel somewhat disenfranchised and this is my way, in some small part, of regaining power. I can't do anything about the slashing and burning of rain forests in Brazil but I can protect some of our global environment, even if it is a small wood in Cheshire."

Muppet Dave, 30, an infantryman who became a homeless seller of *The Big Issue*, said he was disgusted by his experiences during three years in the forces. One of four protesters who occupied the Devon A30 tunnel with Swampy last January, he has dug a new burrow nicknamed The Cakehole.

"I served in Northern Ireland and I realised how far the authorities will go," he said. "I am quite happy to work against these people. I realised the real enemy was in Downing Street, screwing up our country. I want to put a sign on my tunnel saying 'I am defending my country, what are you doing?' "

Many of the private security guards hired to patrol the security fence around the camps are former soldiers and insults are often exchanged between the two sides.

Eight activists were arrested on Sunday night and another yesterday. They have been charged with obstruction and bailed to appear before magistrates in Crewe.

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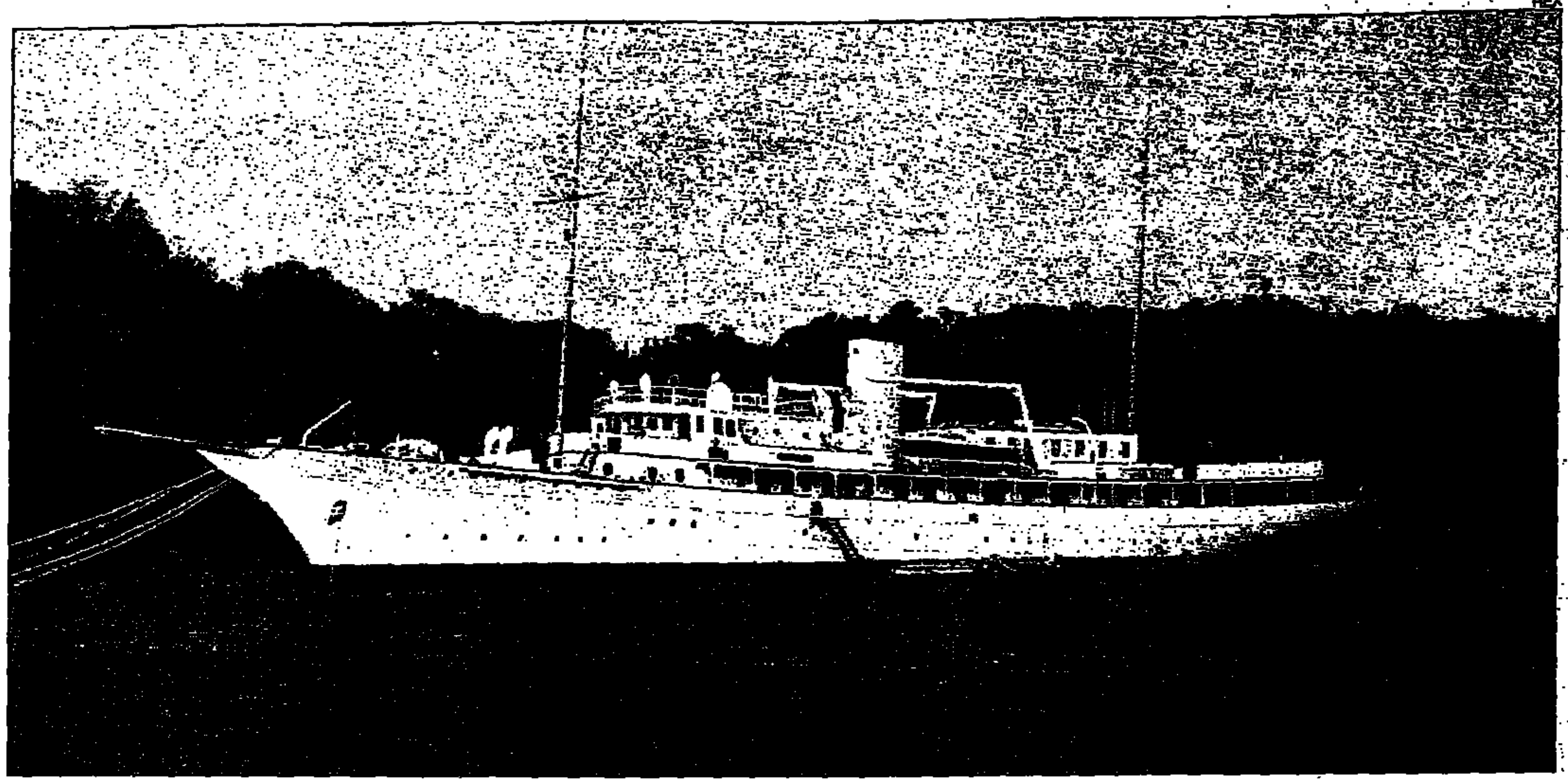

Mr Getty renamed the *Talitha G* after his late wife and undertook a £10 million refit, which included a reproduction Edwardian interior

Getty sails to Duke's rescue with loan of yacht for Cowes week

By Joanna Bale

THE philanthropist John Paul Getty is to lend his motor yacht to the Duke of Edinburgh for Cowes week after the decommissioning of the Royal Yacht *Britannia*. The Duke will use Mr Getty's 217ft *Talitha G* as a base during the regatta, where last year *Britannia* was given a rousing send-off after 35 years as its centrepiece.

Although Mr Getty's vessel is 142ft shorter than the Royal Yacht, the Duke and his party will probably enjoy higher standards of comfort. Its reproduction Edwardian interior, created during a two-year £10 million refit by the yacht designer Jon Bannenburg, has hand-crafted rare wood veneers, fabric-lined walls and marble bathrooms. In comparison, the relatively modern decor of *Britannia* has been described as "more comfortably suburban than grand".

Reg Shield, marketing manager of Devonport Management, which undertook the refit at Devonport Docks, Plymouth, during the early 1990s, said: "She was built in Germany in 1929 for an American and is still among the world's top 20 largest yachts. We stripped her down to the bare metal structure and completely rebuilt her to very high standards of craftsmanship and safety. Apart from the modern galley and engine room, everything is in an authentic Edwardian style which was the result of a lot of research into design and fabric patterns of the period. It is quite strange when you step on board — rather like being in a time warp. Most yachts have modern interiors so this one is very unusual."

The exact layout of Mr Getty's yacht has been kept secret amid fears of kidnapping. He was elected an overseas member of the Royal Yacht Squadron last year. The Duke is Admiral of the squadron and membership privileges include use of the Cowes Castle clubhouse and flying the White Ensign. The Squadron has 420 members paying £500 a year, as well as naval members and a few overseas members. It has a reputation for blackballing: among those barred was Earl Mountbatten of Burma and the supermarket tycoon Sir Thomas Lipton, who was turned down because he was "in trade".

The Duke is believed to be planning to occupy Mr Getty's personal suite during the August regatta. Other members of the Royal Family are expected on board, but it is not known whether Mr Getty will join them.

Mr Getty bought the yacht, then called *Jezebel*, from the Australian film producer Robert Stigwood in 1986. He renamed her after his late wife Talitha Pol, who died of a heroin overdose in Rome in 1972. The American oil heir lives in a penthouse in St James's, central London, and a 3,000-acre Buckinghamshire estate. He was knighted in 1986 after donating millions of pounds to worthy causes, including £50 million to the National Gallery and £20 million to the National Film Institute.

Britannia is on a trade tour of the Mediterranean, Middle East and Far East, which includes a stop in Hong Kong for the British handover to China. She will return to Britain in early August, when the Queen will enjoy a final cruise around the coast of Britain before the Royal Yacht is decommissioned later in the month.

Aerobics fail to increase children's fitness

By Ian Murray and Carol Midgley

VIGOROUS aerobic exercise is a waste of time for children, who end up no fitter than friends who take less exercise, researchers said yesterday.

Despite fears that today's children are leading increasingly inactive lives, a study of girls aged nine and ten found that strenuous exercise made no difference to their fitness or cholesterol levels.

Half the girls who took part in the study were put through three sessions a week of floor and step aerobics for eight weeks, while the other half trained on cycle machines for the same period. The study found that at the end there was virtually no change in peak aerobic fitness in either group, nor any improvement in heart rate response.

The researchers, from the Children's Health and Exercise Centre at Exeter University, chose to focus on the 40 girls because they represented a group that had been largely ignored in previous studies into fitness.

Some experts believe that children at a certain age have a "trigger point" below which they are unable to improve aerobic fitness. Others had insisted there was no evidence that pre-pubescent children were any less responsive to training than older individuals.

The research team, led by Joanne Welsman, concluded that structured physical training may be a waste of time for young children. Dr Welsman evaluates the results in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

"Given these findings and the evidence that it is children's low levels of habitual physical activity that are more cause for concern than their aerobic fitness, it may be more important for children's future health and well-being to focus upon encouraging them to adopt more active lifestyles and develop positive attitudes towards physical activity than emphasising exercise training to enhance aerobic fitness," she writes.

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GPs not up to speed on drugs and athletes

By Ian Murray
Medical Correspondent

GPs have a very poor knowledge of the drugs they can and cannot prescribe to competing athletes, according to a survey published today in the *British Journal of Sports Medicine*.

Only one in three of the 159 doctors who took part knew that the International Olympic Committee guidelines on drug-taking could be found in the British National Formulary, which the profession uses as its bible for prescriptions.

Despite extensive publicity about the fact that steroids have been banned for use since 1975, almost one doctor in three thought they could be prescribed or simply did not know. One doctor in five had been asked to prescribe anabolic steroids for non-medical purposes by athletes.

One in four did not know that it was acceptable to prescribe anti-asthmatic inhalants to athletes but that oral tablets of corticosteroid were banned.

Archbishop celebrates work of St Augustine in 'the roots of our land and of our people'

Prince united with Church in steps of Christian history

By Emma Wilkins

THE Prince of Wales joined a congregation of 2,000 yesterday to celebrate the 1,400th anniversary of the arrival of the first Archbishop of Canterbury to meet pagan English royalty of the Dark Ages.

Dr George Carey, the 103rd Archbishop, led yesterday's service commemorating the work of St Augustine, and said: "This is a great day of celebration for the whole nation. We give thanks to God for the Christian roots of our land, for the part which the Gospel has played in the formation of our people."

The Prince is keen to reaffirm his own commitment to the Church of England. Although he continues to pursue his interest in Islam, his presence at Canterbury Cathedral was welcomed by the Church of England as a sign of his enthusiasm for his future role at its head.

Among the congregation were 50 pilgrims who set out from the Vatican a week ago by coach, to reach England for the anniversary of St Augustine's arrival in 597. Augustine's journey on the orders of Pope Gregory took more than a year.

The Archbishop said that the saint's message as an early ambassador for Christianity should serve as a warning to divided Christian communities throughout the world: "It is a message to us, the Church, and it challenges our obsession with security, our faithlessness and our disunity."

Among the 50 pilgrims from Rome who paid £300 each to cover their travel costs was Lucretia Balatri, 21, a student from Florence. Eating a picnic lunch in a Canterbury park after the service, she said: "It is easier to be a pilgrim in 1997. St Augustine was very fearful because he did not know what sort of reception he would get when he arrived. We have had a warm welcome wherever we are gone."

The group included Irish, Scots, English, German, American and French people from many Christian denominations. Tricie Troughton, 48, a Baptist minister from Saffron Waldon, said: "We have had wonderful welcomes wherever we went, but Assisi was especially warm. The monks gave us a terrific dinner."

The pilgrims were joined yesterday by 250 people who will journey across England and Scotland before meeting in Londonderry on June 9 to mark St Columba's Day. This year is also the 1,400th anniversary of his death.

The pilgrimages are following three routes: up the east coast to Lindisfarne and crossing to Glasgow and Iona; through central England to Manchester and Carlisle; and across the South West and Wales. The new pilgrims will walk up to eight miles a day while coaches carry their luggage, then meet for overnight stays with Christian groups.

DOUGLAS MORRISON

Commitment: the Prince with Dr Carey yesterday

Pope had to push reluctant envoy

By Robin Young

SAINT AUGUSTINE, whose arrival in Kent was commemorated yesterday, was not himself a valiant or resolute pilgrim.

Sent by Pope Gregory the Great at the head of a band of 40 missionary-monks to renew Christianity in a land where it had been largely overrun by barbarous pagan hordes of Jutes, Angles and Saxons, he suffered a bad attack of cold feet en route through Gaul. He returned to Rome to beg the Pope to recall him and his men, explaining that his companions were "appalled at the idea of going to a barbarous, fierce and pagan nation of whose very language they were ignorant".

The Pope, however, was firm. "My very dear sons," he responded, "it is better never to undertake any high enterprise than to abandon it once begun. So with the help of God you must carry out this task which you have started."

In fact, conditions were not quite as dreadful as Augustine had feared. There were already Christians in Britain and an established Christian tradition. St Alban had been martyred in about 209, but a Bishop of London had attended the Council of Arles in 314. In the North, St Columba, the 1,400th anniversary of whose death is also marked this year, had already spread Celtic Christianity from its outpost in Ireland.

Indeed, when Augustine and his 40 monks came ashore at Ebbsfleet, on Pegwell Bay, in 597AD, they were to be welcomed by a Christian Queen, Bertha, a Frankish princess who prayed for 35 years that her husband, Ethelbert, should also be converted.

Ethelbert remained a pagan, but he allowed the saint's monks to rebuild the Roman ruin of St Martin's Church in Canterbury as a private chapel for his wife, and gave them the land for their abbey and for Canterbury's first cathedral, which burnt down in 1067.

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Unless the Government stands up for them this coming June, animals won't have a leg to stand on.

Next Monday, June 2, at the meeting of European Union Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg, Mr Robin Cook, the British Foreign Secretary, will have a concrete opportunity to demonstrate Britain's commitment to an "international moral vision" by taking the lead on behalf of the United Kingdom Government in support of a world-wide ban on the use of leghold traps.

On June 19, at the meeting of EU Environment Ministers, Environment Minister Michael Meacher, will be asked to take a final decision on this dossier.

This hideously cruel device is already banned in over 60 countries, including all the nations of the European Union. The EU has also agreed to ban the import of furs from countries still using leghold traps. That ban should have been enforced at the beginning of last year. However, the European Commission rather than risk upsetting the powerful World Trade Organization, shamefully refused to implement and enforce the EU rules.

Instead, the Commission - at the insistence of Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan - has cynically proposed an "International Agreement on Humane Trapping Standards" which does almost nothing for animal welfare but which is simply intended to offer Ministers a "political solution" while safeguarding the primacy of trade and business over environment and animal welfare considerations.

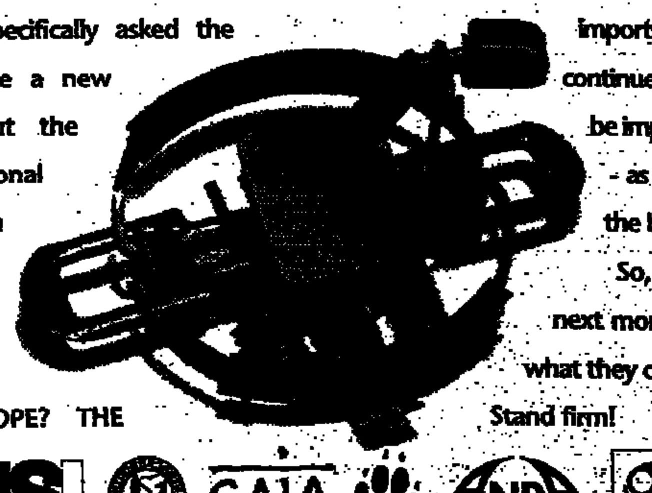
The proposed International Agreement actually aims to "facilitate trade" in furs, including those from animals caught in leghold traps! It contains no provision to ban all types of leghold trap, and permits so-called "padded" leghold traps to be used indefinitely.

Mr Cook, Mr Meacher, ... don't be fooled. There is nothing "humane" about the padded leghold trap. An animal will still endure agonizing pain, as it is caught in the vice-like grip of the trap's jaws. The "padding", a thin strip of rubber or plastic, will do next to nothing to ease the suffering. The animal could be left for days before being found. Terrified, it could well try to chew itself free, even biting its own leg off in its attempt to escape.

On numerous occasions, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament have made it clear to the European Commission that the current proposals are totally unacceptable. Environment Ministers specifically asked the Commission to negotiate a new tougher agreement. But the new proposed international agreement is a sham which will not in any way reduce the suffering of trapped animals.

WHO RUNS EUROPE? THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION? THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION? OR THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEMBER STATES?

Mr Cook, Mr Meacher, ... we appeal to you to take the toughest possible line with the Commission. DON'T LET SIR LEON BRITTAN BULLY YOU! You must insist that any international agreement, as an absolute minimum, bans all types of leghold trap now. If this most basic requirement is not met, you and your ministerial colleagues should reject the draft agreement in its entirety.



You must also insist that the EU ban on fur imports from countries which continue to use the leghold trap be implemented immediately - as it should have been at the beginning of 1996.

So, Mr Cook, Mr Meacher, next month do for the animals what they can't do for themselves. Stand firm!

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Write to Mr Michael Meacher now at the Department of the Environment, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU. Urge him to enforce the EU fur import ban and stand firm against the use of leghold traps anywhere in the world.

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Estate residents protest at choice of neighbours

Council insists on quota of poor and minorities on suburban development

By Richard Ford
HOME CORRESPONDENT

HOMES on a new private estate are to be set aside for ethnic minorities and the poor. The project has outraged middle-class residents, who fear that it will drive down house prices.

A quarter of all homes on the 500-dwelling suburban estate are to be used to provide social housing for the white unemployed, ethnic minorities and the low-paid from inner-city areas of Birmingham. Officials from Birmingham City Council have told a consortium of builders developing a 40-acre site at Sutton Coldfield that 120 dwellings must be low cost, under part-ownership, and for rent. They are insisting that the social housing be spread throughout the estate to prevent the creation of a ghetto and to encourage the development of a mixed community.

The project has angered residents living near the proposed estate, where houses cost about £100,000. They fear that it will blight their properties. William Hayes, 84, a retired engineer, said: "We are going to have a lot of irresponsible people pushed onto us — I don't know how to put it without sounding snobbish, but probably some low elements, irresponsible people. People here are worried about the value of their property and the effect it will have on their way of life".

There also fears about the effects of such a development on schools, road congestion and other amenities. William Court, of the Roughley and District Residents Association, said that the sub-post office would be unable to cope if many of the people in the social housing were on benefits.

A local action group has criticised the city council for insisting on reserving 25 per cent of the development for social housing. Richard Harwood, chairman of the Roughley action group, said that residents had been led to believe that they would be low-cost starter homes, not social housing. He said: "We accept entirely the need for some element of social housing and we are not against that, but we think 25 per cent is too high."

Mr Harwood, who has lived near the site for 22 years, added: "The builders were not happy. It is going to bring down the price of the private houses and people like ourselves who may wish to move will find we are blighted."

The Labour-controlled city council decided on a 25 per cent quota after a regional planning study found that 39 per cent of new homes in the West Midlands should be social housing, rising to 49 per cent in Birmingham.

Robin Paice, vice-chairman of the city's planning committee, defended the proposal and said that the fears of people in Sutton Coldfield were based on ignorance of the inner cities. "There is social polarisation in Birmingham. People are fleeing from the inner-city, particularly the middle classes.

"The inner-city has a disproportionate number of ethnic minorities, the less well-off and the unemployed, while suburban areas have better-off middle classes and very few ethnic minorities. It is important we find some mechanism whereby some social housing takes place on greenfield sites and in outer areas".

Mr Paice, who lives in Edgbaston, said that many well-kept, if modest, homes could be found in the inner-cities, often occupied by Asian families. It was not the responsibility of the planning committee to take into account the repercussions of the plan on house prices.

Warship captain escapes fatal helicopter crash

By Joanna Bale

THE captain of a Royal Navy warship escaped virtually unscathed when a helicopter in which he was a passenger crashed into the sea, killing an Italian captain of another warship.

The accident happened when the helicopter clipped the edge of *HMS Birmingham*'s flight deck as it came into land on Sunday afternoon off the coast of Gibraltar. Commander Michael Evans, of Alverstoke, Hampshire, escaped with cuts and bruises. Two of the aircrew in the Italian Augusta Bell 212 helicopter suffered minor injuries and a third crew member a suspected dislocated shoulder. None of the 280 personnel on board the destroyer, which is based at Portsmouth, was injured.

The accident happened after a meeting on board the Greek frigate *Limnos* involving the captains of warships assigned to Nato's standing naval force in the Mediterranean. The Italian helicopter from the frigate *Scirocco* was flying Commander Evans and the captain of the *Scirocco* back to their ships.

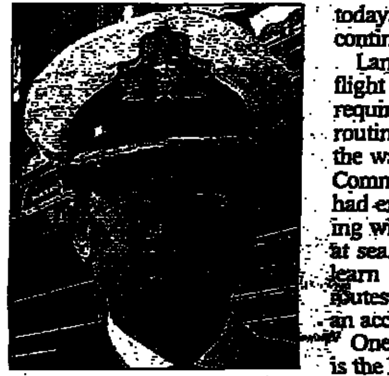
The body of the Italian captain was taken to his ship. The three aircrew remained on board the *Birmingham*, which immediately headed to Gibraltar to take them to hospital.

At the time of the accident, about 2.30pm, the sea conditions were said to be "benign". It was overcast, but visibility was good. The helicopter had flotation bags. A Royal Navy spokeswoman said an investigation would take place.

HMS Birmingham, which is 20 years old, sustained some damage to her stern but was due to sail from Gibraltar today, with her captain, to continue her programme.

Landing helicopters on the flight decks of ships at sea requires great skill but it is a routine procedure on board the warships of many navies. Commander Evans will have had extensive training in coping with a helicopter ditching at sea. Royal Navy personnel learn how to find the escape routes in the turmoil of such an accident.

One of the greatest hazards is the helicopter's rotor blades which can continue to turn even after it hits the water.



Evans: trained to cope with ditching at sea

DOUG MARKE

Mr and Mrs Cording decided to build an American-style log cabin after their 12-year-old daughter, below, was killed in a riding accident in 1995

Family builds log cabin memorial

By A Staff Reporter

A MOTHER and father have erected a log cabin as a memorial to their 12-year-old daughter, killed in a riding accident two years ago.

Mike and Jan Cording decided to build the American-style cabin after a horse kicked Danielle and broke her neck. Mr Cording, 54, who runs a window company with his wife, had stayed in a log cabin during a visit to Pennsylvania in the 1980s.

The couple, who have two sons, aged 15 and 11, decided to make a log cabin the family's fresh start after struggling to come to terms with the loss of their daughter. They chose a plot beside a canal in Long Eaton, Nottinghamshire, acquired planning permission, demolished the existing Victorian house, then searched for a replacement. Dan's Log Cabin, as the Cordings have named their £23,000 three-bedroomed fully-fitted home, arrived ten days ago on the back of two lorries from its previous site in Matlock, Derbyshire. To add a touch of authenticity, the couple planted pine trees around the site. Mrs Cording said: "When Danielle died things just stopped for us. We know this is something she would have wanted and it is time to move on. It's given us a new focus in life."

The Suffolk resistance claims its war medals

By Joanna Bale

THREE veterans of secret Second World War resistance units are in dispute with the Ministry of Defence over their entitlement to medals.

Len Wyartt, 80, Rex Chaston, 80, and Derek Youngs, 73, say they are owed medals for their service in Suffolk. About 3,000 men are thought to have served with the part-time resistance squads — called Auxillary Units — during the war. They all appeared to be normal members of the Home Guard but were secretly being trained to go underground and spearhead the resistance campaign if a German invasion attempt had succeeded.

The ministry is disputing the three men's claims, arguing that they cannot prove that they completed the required three years' service with the squads. The three, who still live in the county, say they served at least three years with their units, but that the records have been lost over the years.

Last year the ministry announced that former members of the resistance squads would be entitled to Defence Medals if they could prove that they had completed the required service.

Mr Wyartt, a farmer, said: "I don't think any of the chaps I know would mind if they had never been awarded a medal. But now they've said that we are entitled to medals, this is really a point of principle."

County Hall could house London mayor

By Alexandra Frean
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

COUNTY HALL, the former home of the disbanded Greater London Council, and Middlesex Guildhall, an imposing court building on Parliament Square, are being suggested as headquarters for Britain's first elected mayor.

Located a stone's throw from the House of Commons, both County Hall and the Middlesex Guildhall combine a picturesque setting with proximity to the levers of power and accessibility to the people of London. There will be a referendum next May on whether London should have a mayor and a Greater London Authority, as proposed in the Queen's Speech. The post is unlikely to take effect before 2000.

Tony Travers, a local government expert at the London School of Economics, believes that, unlike the GLC, which employed 25,000 people, the new authority would have a staff of up to 250 and could fit easily into premises of a modest 40,000 sq ft. He believes that it would do well to take space in County Hall.

The building now includes flats, offices, an aquarium and will soon contain an hotel, as well as the old council chamber, which is listed. Shirayama Shokusan, the Japanese developer that owns the building, has offered Tony Blair the chamber and up to 200,000 sq ft of offices for the mayor and administration. Mac Okamoto, a spokesman for the company, said that it would be prepared to keep the space vacant for three years, until the authority comes into being.

Lord Archer, a former GLC councillor who has declared his interest in the mayoral post, believes that the guildhall, on the corner of Parliament Square and Victoria Street, would be suitable, if the Lord Chancellor is prepared to relinquish it. The neo-Gothic building, erected in 1906 for the administration of Middlesex, houses seven Crown courtrooms.

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Taleban imposes work ban on north's women

Christopher Thomas reports from Mazar-i-Sharif that the language barrier makes the invaders incomprehensible

TALEBAN *troops poured* into the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday, *flushing out the last pockets of* resistance and imposing restrictions on women. Females must *not* work, *nor attend* school or university, and have been ordered to cover their *faces* outside the home.

This is now law in 90 per cent of the country controlled by Taleban. The extension of the rules to the north was announced in the central mosque *by* Mullah Abdul Razzaq, the newly installed Governor, known as an Islamic *hardliner. He reinforced* this reputation by warning that thieves would lose a hand *and* a foot.

He said this in Pashtu, not widely understood in Mazar-i-Sharif. People walked out while he was still speaking, frustrated that they did not know what he was saying — an incident that demonstrated how difficult it will be for Taleban, a southern force in unfamiliar territory, to establish itself securely in the north.

Men are wondering whether they can still shave. There are no longer any unveiled *women on the streets* and people are nervous of playing music, which is banned in *other Taleban-controlled* areas. The city picks up a host of foreign television stations *because of its proximity* to Central Asia, but television may be outlawed as un-Islamic. *Non-religious* music could also be banned.

General Abdul Malik, who captured the city on Saturday less than a week after leading a mutiny against the previous rulers, held talks with Taleban leaders yesterday on establishing a power-sharing structure — rarely successful in Afghanistan, where tribal and ethnic loyalties are paramount. His partnership with Taleban is tenuous, "one bullet away from disintegration", as a foreign aid worker put it.

The general, a portly man without a beard — he says that he may grow a beard, in line with Taleban law — is Uzbek and Taleban is mostly Pashtun.

This alone is a recipe for conflict, apart from any ideological disagreements over the kind of Islamic system that ought to operate in the north. Mazar-i-Sharif, the northern capital, is principally Uzbek and Tajik.

The number of forces entering Mazar-i-Sharif yesterday in trucks and pick-ups, laden with weaponry, left no doubt about who intends to be the dominant partner. There is no structure between them to define their respective roles, and a power struggle could erupt.

Pakistan sent its new Ambassador to Afghanistan, Aziz Khan, to Mazar-i-Sharif for *talks yesterday*, a day after announcing it was recognising Taleban as a government. Supporting Taleban is a high-risk strategy. There are many in the organisation who would like to reignite the dream of forming a region called Pashtunistan by seizing much of the North-West Frontier Province in Pakistan, parts of which used to belong to Afghanistan until the border was shifted during the British Raj.

There was heavy fighting yesterday on the Salang Highway, which links the north and south, between Taleban and forces of Ahmed Shah Masood, the Tajik warlord who is now the only significant military opponent of the Islamic army. He is trying to stop Taleban forces moving heavy equipment north. Moscow issued a warning yesterday that any flood of Afghan refugees to Tajikistan, which has tens of thousands of its own population displaced, threatened to bring the conflict with them.

In Kabul, Care International last night suspended a programme for widows after Taleban police beat five of its Afghan women employees.

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A protest vessel, *Diao Yu Tai*, collides with a Japanese patrol boat near the disputed Senkaku islands yesterday

Japanese island patrol repulses Chinese armada

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

SCORES of Japanese patrol vessels yesterday repulsed an armada of Chinese nationalists intent on challenging Tokyo's claim to the Senkaku islands in the East China Sea.

Taiwanese and Hong Kong protesters on 20 fishing boats were forced to abandon an attempt to pierce a Japanese security cordon around the outcrops, known in Chinese as the Diaoyus and claimed by China and Taiwan.

Two Hong Kong activists who jumped aboard a Japanese coastguard vessel when it collided with their [illegible] were left behind when [illegible] headed home. A Japanese government spokesman said the two men would be briefly detained until they could be returned to Hong Kong.

In its biggest show of force, the Maritime Safety Agency, Japan's coastguard, mobilised more than 60 patrol boats, some armed with cannon, to protect the zone of 12 nautical miles around the archipelago.

The Japanese Defence Ministry had earlier ruled out using the navy to prevent an incursion. But the massive coastguard deployment signalled a determination to assert Japanese sovereignty that contrasted with Tokyo's ineffective reaction to similar Chinese seaborne protests last year. Japan vowed yesterday to take all necessary steps to block intruders.

"We must not let them into our territorial waters," Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Prime Minister, said.

Ownership of the Senkakus, surrounded by rich fishing grounds and are believed to sit above oil and natural gas deposits, has been a point of contention for decades.

The dispute over sovereignty grew more heated after a Japanese right-wing group erected a makeshift lighthouse on one of the islands last July. A Hong Kong protester drowned last September when he jumped from a boat into rough seas during a frustrated attempt to land on the islands to press China's claim. Last October, a protest group managed to set foot on one of the islets, planting the national flags of China and Taiwan.

Yesterday's protest was triggered by a visit to the Senkakus this month by a Japanese conservative politician, Shingo Nishimura, who hoisted the national flag to assert Tokyo's sovereignty. His action outraged Chinese nationalists and rekindled anti-Japanese sentiment in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Monkeypox raises vaccine worries

AN OUTBREAK *of monkey*pox in Zaire could force the World Health Organisation to rethink its policy on smallpox, which was declared to have been eradicated in 1979, and abandon plans to destroy the last of the vaccine.

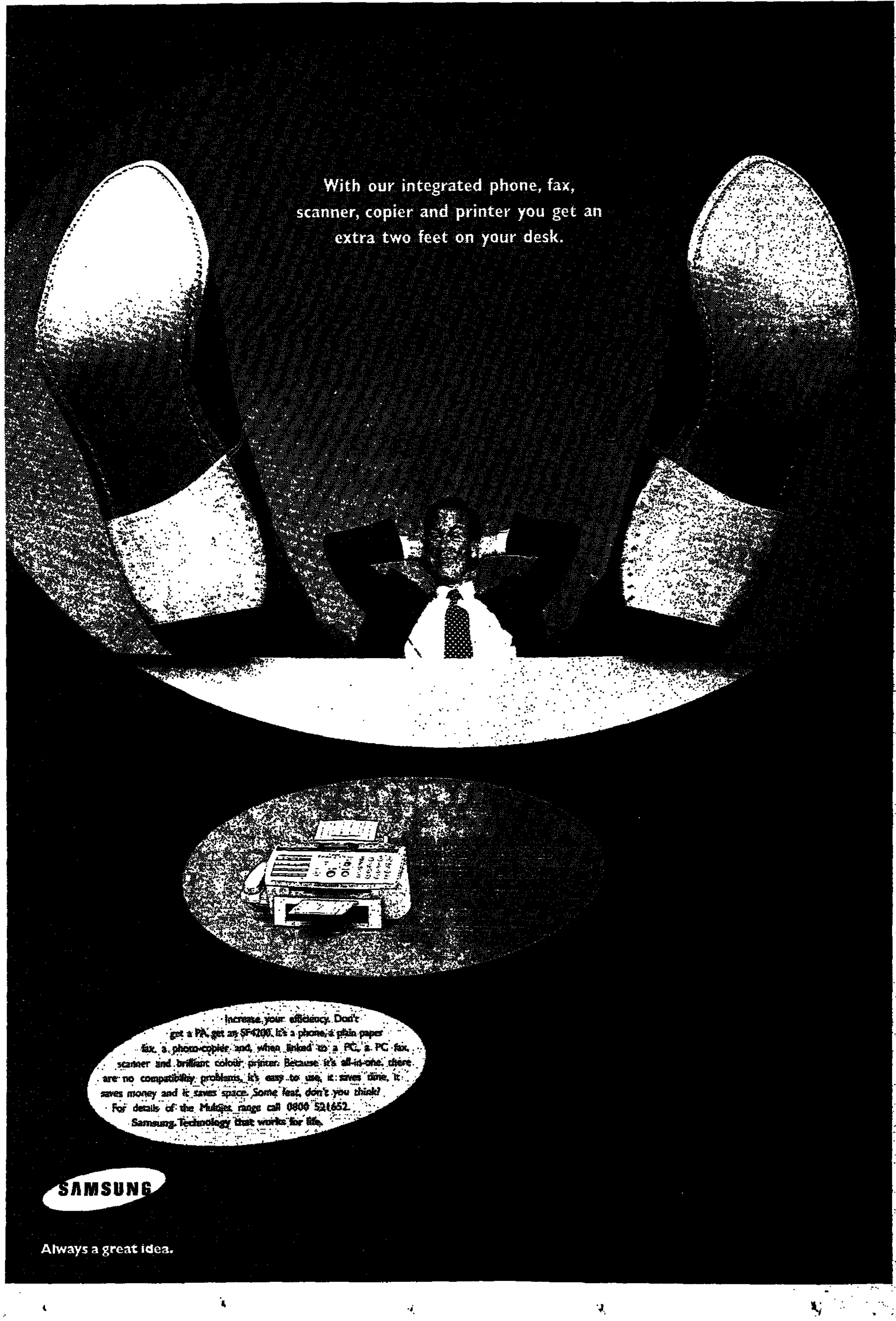
The plight of thousands of refugees dying from hunger in the Zairean civil war has eclipsed any impact the deaths of six people from monkeypox might have made. The Zaire outbreak, with more than 70 cases, was the largest recorded and has prompted the *BMJ*, the medical journal, to suggest that, if more outbreaks occur, it may be necessary to rethink the smallpox vaccination policy.

Smallpox, cowpox and monkeypox are closely related members within the pox virus family. The vaccines used against smallpox in various forms, only slightly changed since their development by Edward Jenner in the 18th century, also *protect* against monkeypox.

Monkeypox is a severe disease with the *generalised* symptoms and pustular sores which resemble those of smallpox. *But in monkeypox* the lymph glands swell a day or two before the rash appears. *Rather more than* one in ten of the patients who catch monkeypox die. There have *been previous small* outbreaks of monkeypox infections in humans. These have always been *in Central Africa* and two-thirds of all cases have been recorded in Zaire. *Any outbreak has* always petered out before the fourth generation of human-to-*human transmission* has occurred.

As in the recent Zaire outbreak, all the *diagnosed* patients seem to have caught the virus from other people rather than an animal source.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



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250,000 bikers pay homage to fallen US soldiers

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

MORE than 250,000 motorcyclists, many of them Vietnam veterans, *descended on Washington* for what has now become a tradition of America's Memorial Day weekend.

The tenth annual bikers' parade to commemorate fallen soldiers and those still listed as missing-in-action in Vietnam brought traffic to a standstill in the heart of the American capital as the stream of silver machines threaded its way through the streets.

Rolling Thunder, *named* after a B52 bombing campaign in Vietnam, began in *1987 as a means of bringing* attention to the more than 2,000 United States soldiers who remain unaccounted for in the South-East Asian conflict.

It has since grown dramatically and dwarfs other memorial celebrations in Washington *to honour the dead in* Vietnam and America's other wars. The bikers' simple mantra is that they ride for "those who can't" — the thousands who have given their lives in war.

With Memorial Day fast becoming just another holiday, marked by trips to the beach or the Indianapolis 500 motor race, the menacing roars of the thousands of motorcyles, adorned with the Stars and Stripes and PoW flags, has become as poignant for many Americans as the laying *of wreaths at the* Cenotaph.

The veterans, wearing patches showing where they served, joined other riders in dismounting for a minute's silence opposite the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, the black *granite wall carrying the* names of 50,000 killed or missing.

"It's an emotional kind of thing really to see people cry as you go by," said Steven Shaeffer, who had ridden to Washington from Cape Cod, *Massachusetts. "You ride by* and grasp an outstretched hand and let go but sometimes they just want to hold on," he said.

As President Clinton yesterday laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in nearby *Arlington Cemetery, the Nat*ional Park Service held an observance at the wall, dedicated to six American soldiers and a Marine, whose deaths were the direct result of combat and whose names have been newly engraved on the *memorial.*

☐ Robert McNamara, the US Defence Secretary during the Vietnam War, will meet officials in Hanoi next month to examine possible lessons from the conflict. Mr McNamara, who resigned from the US *Cabinet over Vietnam in 1968,* sparked widespread controversy with his memoirs two *years ago in which he detailed* mistakes made by the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations that, he said, had led to an unwinnable war for the United States.

He will lead a delegation of 54 researchers and historians who are attending a *conference* entitled Missed Opportunities in the Vietnamese capital.

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Motorcyclists taking part in Rolling Thunder, *the tenth annual rally to commemorate US servicemen killed in war,* ride across Memorial Bridge in Washington yesterday

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AFP

A scene from *The Lost World*, an orgy of carnivorous mayhem, which attracted *record cinema crowds during the Memorial Day weekend across America*

Voracious dinosaurs deliver $89m weekend for Spielberg

BY GILES WHITTELL

HELPED by giant models of carnivorous reptiles and an avalanche of free publicity, *Steven Spielberg has thun*dered back to the top of the American box office after a three-year break from filmmaking. *The Lost World*, his sequel to *Jurassic Park*, earned an estimated $89 million (£55 million) on its opening weekend and is already prompting forecasts of more than $1 billion in profits.

Special effects eclipse any semblance of plot in this orgy of dinosaur mayhem, but records fell like ninepins as Americans flocked to it in droves over the long Memorial Day weekend. The film, in which Jeff Goldblum plays a *wry palaeontologist forced to* rescue his girlfriend from a dinosaur-infested island in the *Pacific*, was released on *Fri*day on an unprecedented 3,281 screens, and broke the $20 million record set by *Batman Forever* in 1995 for ticket sales on an opening day. *The Lost World* grossed $22 million.

By last night it had passed the $85 million mark set last year by *Independence Day* for a long weekend, and it earned back its entire $75 million budget with at least $14 million to spare. Today *The Lost World* is expected to become *the fastest film in history to* pass the $100 million mark.

Ecologists picketed Los Angeles cinemas because Dreamworks SKG, Mr Spielberg's new studio, plans to build its premises near the city's last natural wetlands. They were largely ignored. "They are complaining about frogs or something," one ten-year-old said in a ticket queue. "All I want to do is see the movie."

A stay of executions for 'Old Sparky'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

FLORIDA'S Supreme Court has temporarily suspended all executions with "Old Sparky", the state's venerable — *and unreliable* — electric chair.

Made 74 years ago, the chair is the oldest still in use anywhere in the world. It rocketed to notoriety in March when one condemned man, Pedro Medina, was effectively burnt alive. As the executioner pulled the lever, a high-voltage charge shot *through Medina's body.* Witnesses saw foot-long flames leap from his head and smoke *gush from his mask.* Although Medina's chest was seen to heave briefly after the fire, state medical experts ruled that he had felt no pain and had died instantly.

A month after the execution, a circuit judge in Duval County ruled that "Old Sparky" was not "cruel and unusual" — a form of words employed by human rights treaties to characterise impermissible punishment.

The state Supreme Court, however, has ordered a fresh investigation into the chair's *fitnesss for use, stating that* Medina's lawyer had not had a proper chance to put his case to the judge. The lawyer, Martin McLain, said yesterday: "I'm going to be able to present information that I wasn't able to present the last time, and to show that Pedro Medina suffered pain when he was executed."

Bob's Boys train their gunsights on Mexican border runners

Landowners, gripped by a siege mentality, are hot on the trail of illegal immigrants who stream across their ranches nightly, reports **Giles Whittell** in Campo, California

MOST nights on his way home from work, Bob Maupin has shouldered a .45 semi-automatic rifle and a pair of Russian night-vision binoculars, then set off on foot to patrol his property.

Since the southern edge of his ranch is one of the busiest illegal crossing points on the US-Mexican border, he has *also taken a pocketful of nylon* handcuffs.

Plagued by a thirtyfold increase in the number of illegal immigrants streaming across his land, Mr Maupin and neighbouring ranchers in the rugged mountains east of San Diego have taken the law into their own hands.

Operating as armed vigilantes *known to* officials as "Bob's Boys", they have mounted an effective and so far bloodless *campaign of citizens' arrests,* sometimes rounding up 40 "illegals" in a single night.

The US Border Patrol endorses the group's activities. The result is peculiar, if not unprecedented: a superpower guarding stretches of its southern frontier with civilian gun enthusiasts outfitted at army surplus shops. "It's really a game," Mr Maupin said. "How long we stay out at night depends on how much fun we're having. When *they're running in groups of* anywhere from 20 to 100 through here, night after night, it gets to be a lot of fun."

Mr Maupin spoke with more than a hint of sarcasm. Photographs at the local Border Patrol office confirm that in 1985 he and his daughter, Denise, were arrested by Mexican army officers on their *own land.*

Their claim that the officers were protecting a drug labora*tory near the border was not* proven, but Denise, who favours a .40 Glock handgun, has since heeded the Border Patrol's advice not to leave the house unarmed.

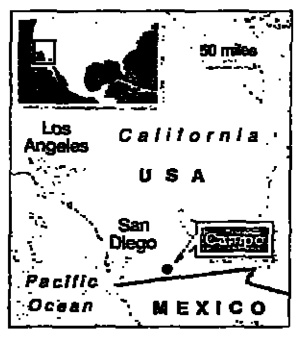
The siege mentality gripping landowners in this harshly beautiful borderland is a symptom of high-level politics. In 1994, President Clinton signalled a tough stance on illegal immigration — even as he hailed a new era of US-Mexican co-operation with the North American Free Trade Agreement — and ordered a border crackdown south of San Diego codenamed Operation Gatekeeper.

Helped by helicopters and infra-red night sights, the clampdown near the coast has been a moderate success. Inland, however, a trickle of illegal immigrants has turned into a flood. "Operation Gate*keeper is a fraud,*" said Mr Maupin, 57. "It just pushes the Mexicans out here where they can't get caught."

In fact, 78,000 immigrants were arrested last year in Campo, up from 2,300 in 1994. Every night along Route 94, which hugs the border, Border Patrol agents crouch in wait for groups of migrant workers *struggling north through the* sagebrush with professional smugglers, or "coyotes", as guides. A fleet of minibuses shuttles prisoners to an overnight jail for "processing" and repatriation the next day.

Mr Maupin and his friends began making their own arrests two years ago, using Vietnam-era seismic sensors *to locate intruders.* Language has not been a problem, he said: "My dog speaks perfect *Spanish.*"

Bob's Boys have suffered no casualties, but the northward flow of refugees from Mexico's economic crisis has its toll. Seventeen men, women and children froze to death in deep snow near Campo last winter. Since then, trespassing has fallen markedly. It is a victory of sorts for Mr Maupin, who quips, Mark Twain-style: "If I die today, I win."



Skydiver leaps to safety from crash plane

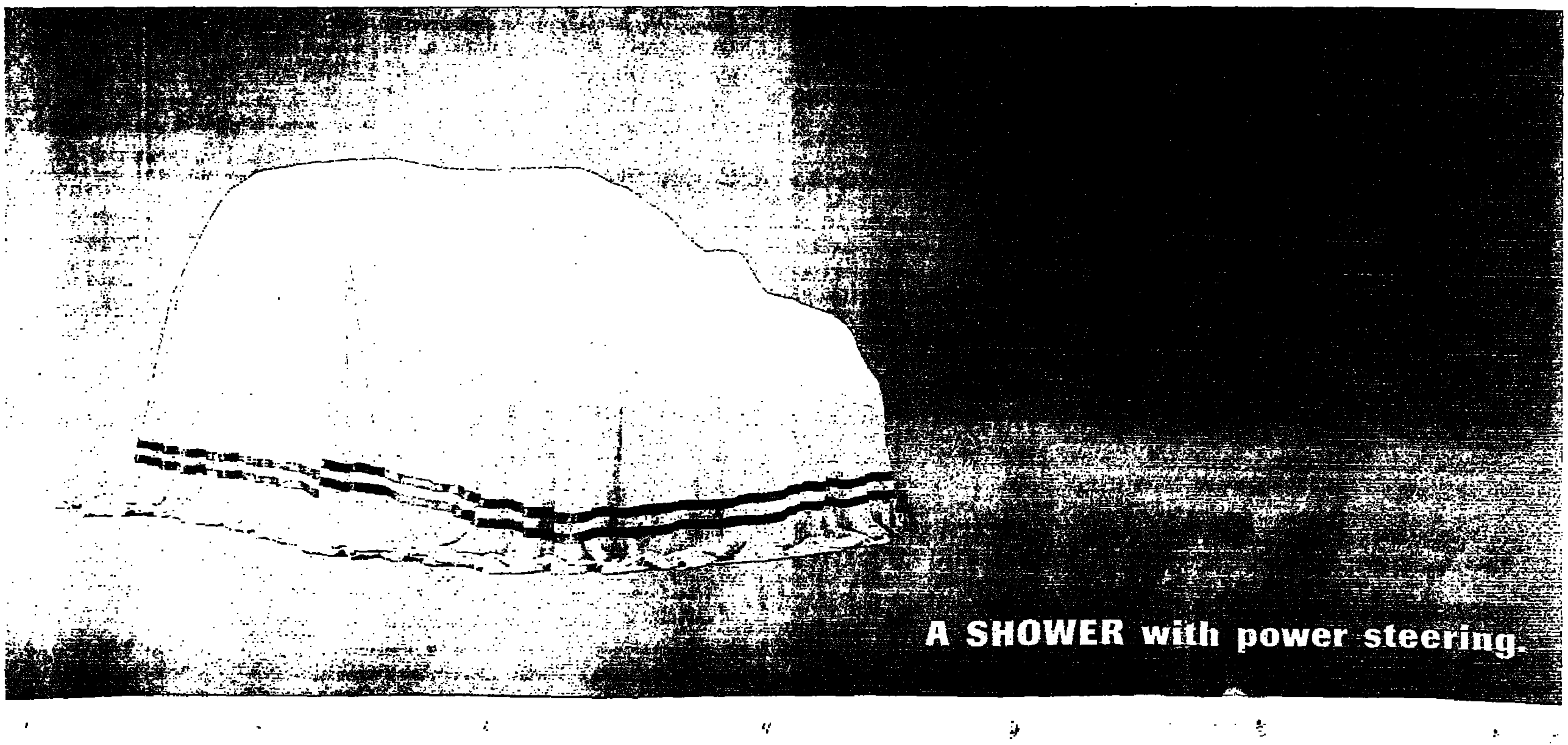
FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

A SKYDIVER floated safely to the ground as her single-engined plane spiralled out of control and nose-dived into a sweet potato field in Florida, killing the pilot and five other parachutists.

Clinging to a wing and waiting for the order to jump, Carol O'Connell apparently felt the Cessna about to *stall* and, left with no choice but to leap, then watched in horror from below her canopy as the plane carrying her six colleagues went into a fatal spin and crashed.

She landed in shock some 80ft from the debris. "I'm very grateful to be alive," said Ms O'Connell, 43, a skydiving student who had made 22 previous jumps. "I can't explain why I'm still alive while these other people have left behind so many loved ones. I guess when it's your time to go, you go. It wasn't my time."

The National Transportation Safety Board was investigating yesterday whether the single-engined Cessna 210 was overloaded or had stalled during a turn.



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Left's first-round triumph transforms lacklustre election into contest that either side could win

Centre-Right fights for votes as Juppé bows out

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

FRANCE'S ruling centre-right coalition launched a frantic hunt for votes yesterday as Alain Juppé announced he would stand down as Prime Minister after the stunning rebuff administered to his Government in the first round of France's parliamentary elections.

French stocks plunged and the franc wobbled amid fears that the Gaullist President Chirac may still be forced to share power with a Socialist-led Government, possibly undermining France's drive to join a single European currency.

With the Left now clearly ahead M Chirac is battling to retain his credibility, and a lacklustre election widely seen as a foregone conclusion has been transformed overnight into a frenetic contest that either side could still win.

Final results from Sunday's poll gave the combined Left 42.1 per cent of the vote and 36.16 per cent to the centre-right coalition. But the high level of abstentions and the widely-dispersed first-round vote among fringe candidates mean that the race will be won and lost in the next five days.

The role of the far-right National Front, which polled an increased 15 per cent, is another crucially important, but unpredictable, factor in the race.

M Chirac held consultations yesterday with senior political allies in what aides said was a "calm, studious and thoughtful" manner, but the mood within the ruling coalition was anything but calm as the Gaullist RPR and centre-right UDF parties contemplated their worst combined first-round poll result for 30 years.

The President is expected to make another personal appeal for support later this week. Ousting M Juppé at this stage would have smacked of desperation. Instead, M Juppé was either forced or agreed to bow out after the next ballot.

Even before M Juppé's announcement yesterday, Philippe Séguin, the Gaullist parliamentary Speaker tipped as a replacement Prime Minister, nudged his hat further into the ring by hinting that the time was fast approaching for a change of premier.

"You don't change campaign leaders in the middle of the watch, but since one of the best hypotheses is that the Centre-Right could win a majority of a few seats, the issues at stake are different from those when you have a 100-seat advantage," M Séguin said.

Even Raymond Barre, the former Prime Minister and hitherto staunch supporter of M Juppé, called for a "profound change of leaders if the majority wins".

Most of the key figures in the Centre-Right failed to attract the 50 per cent of the vote needed for an outright win, including Jacques Toubon, the Justice Minister, Jean Tiberi, the scandal-plagued Mayor of Paris, and M Juppé himself. For the first time in his life, former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing faces a second-round fight to retain his seat.

The Centre-Right still has some powerful weapons in its armoury, most notably the glaring policy divisions within the Socialist-Communist alliance and the threat that "cohabitation" will weaken France and scupper the single European currency project.

Over the next few days the rattled Centre-Right will hammer away at those themes, pointing out that the Communists are opposed to economic and monetary union (EMU) while the Socialists, led by Lionel Jospin, maintain they are broadly in favour. The Government will also seek to capitalise on mounting doubts over whether France will be able to meet the Maastricht criteria for deficit reduction under a Socialist-led government that has ruled out further spending cuts.

M Chirac's decision to call a snap election ten months early is already being seen as a gamble that has failed badly, but in one sense his hunch was only too accurate.

To judge from the first poll, if the Government had waited until after yet another round of harsh austerity measures needed to ensure France joins EMU on time before calling an election, its chances of retaining a majority would have been minute.

Next Sunday may yet see an embarrassing defeat for the President, but had he waited until next March the result would probably have been a election rout so crushing that M Chirac would have been left contemplating not cohabitation, but resignation.

☐ **Paris rout:** The ruling Centre-Right faces a possible rout in Paris, one of its traditional strongholds, where ten of its 19 deputies will be challenged fiercely in next Sunday's parliamentary election run-off. The looming left-wing breakthrough follows a similar development in the June 1995 mayoral elections, when Socialists won five of the capital's 20 municipal districts and ended a longtime Gaullist lock on the city government. The Centre-Right held 19 of 22 districts in the outgoing assembly. *(Reuter)*

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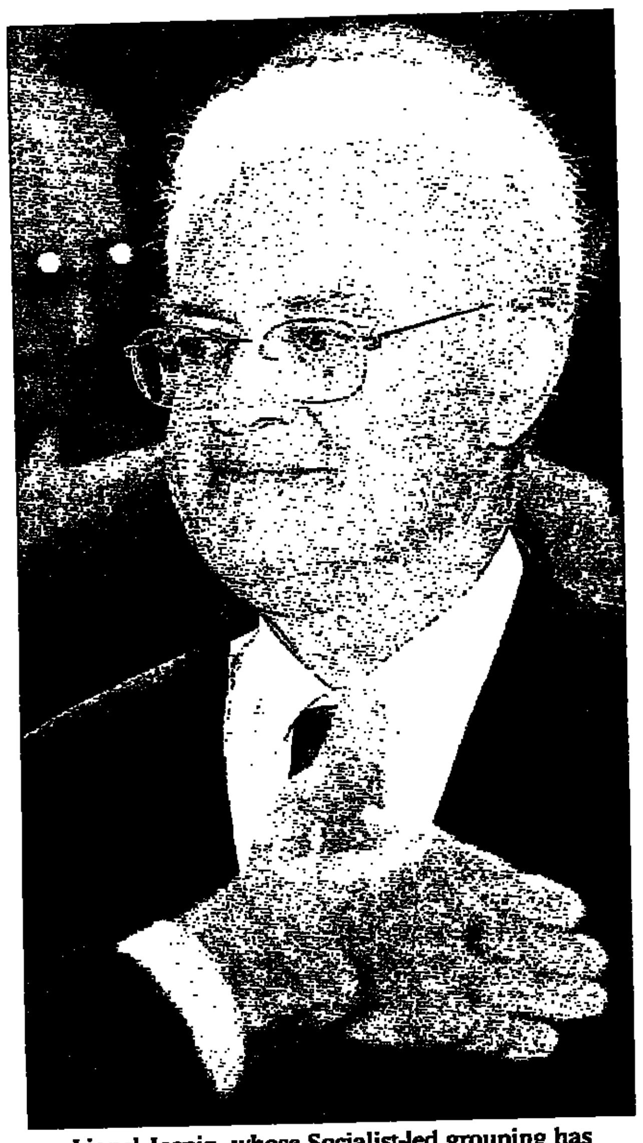

Lionel Jospin, whose Socialist-led grouping has delivered a stunning rebuff to the government

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Alain Juppé and wife Isabelle stroll in a Bordeaux park. The Prime Minister is to bow out after the next ballot

Le Pen emerges as king-breaker

BY BEN MACINTYRE

THE leader of France's far-right National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has emerged as the decisive kingmaker, or more aptly king-breaker, in the French parliamentary elections.

Buoyed by a record-breaking 15 per cent of the vote in the first round, National Front candidates have qualified for second round run-offs in a remarkable 133 of France's 577 constituencies. More than half of these will be three-way races where the right-wing vote will probably be split, helping candidates on the Left. The overall result, however, may hinge on how National Front supporters vote in the other 444 seats.

M Le Pen and his cohorts began meetings yesterday to decide which (if any) of the mainstream parties National Front supporters should be encouraged to vote for in those constituencies without a far-right candidate. Although the National Front is unlikely to win more than three seats in parliament and may gain none at all, the party's best ever result in a parliamentary election has left the extreme-nationalists in a key position to sway the final outcome.

M Le Pen has made no effort to hide his loathing for Jacques Chirac. He has called for the President's resignation after Sunday's vote, but many National Front supporters may instinctively revert to the Centre-Right in the next round, whatever M Le Pen's instructions.

In the course of the campaign M Le Pen pronounced that a left-wing government cohabiting with a right-wing President would be the best outcome, since this would be most likely to scupper M Chirac's plans for joining European economic and monetary union. Those remarks were disavowed by [illegible] members of his party and candidates [illegible] facing strong left-wing opposition [illegible]

The National Front, which advocates repatriating immigrants and giving priority in housing and healthcare to French-born citizens, made inroads in central France and the Paris suburbs but notched up its highest scores around its strongholds in the South and East.

Any overt attempt by the centre-right coalition to lure away National Front support is certain to prompt accusations of pandering to racist extremism, and could alienate more moderate voters while providing the Left with additional ammunition.

Bruno Mégret, the deputy leader of the National Front who is running for parliament in Vitrolles, said that the party would probably "wait and see what the centre-right parties have to say" before deciding on the next stage of the election strategy. He added that the [illegible] Front might not make a blanket [illegible]mendation to its supporters. "We [illegible] in some districts and not across the board," M Mégret said.

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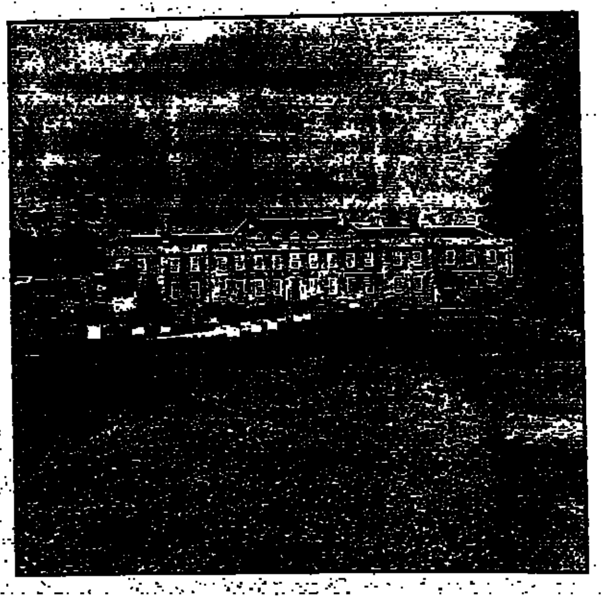

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Aug 23 Peter Pan, Lacock Abbey, Chippenham. 6pm/7pm. £6.

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Yeltsin seeks Blair assurance over expansion of Nato

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT YELTSIN will seek Britain's support this morning in safeguarding Russia's security when he meets Tony Blair for breakfast before a key Nato summit in Paris.

The Kremlin leader, who arrived in France yesterday for today's signing of a Nato-Russian accord, wants assurances that the alliance will limit its expansion to former Warsaw Pact countries and not extend membership to former Soviet republics.

In an interview with the Tass news agency, published yesterday, Mr Yeltsin said that he was reconciled to Nato enlargement so long as Moscow's security was not threatened. The alliance is expected to offer membership to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in July. Romania and Slovenia may also join.

Russia, which still opposes the move in principle, tempered its objections after agreement this month on the terms of the "Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Co-operation and Security between Nato and the Russian Federation". The document, to be signed today, calls for the establishment of a council at Nato headquarters where Russia will be consulted on key aspects of alliance policy. Moscow has already won assurances that no foreign troops or nuclear weapons will be deployed permanently on new members' territories.

"The negative impact of the expansion of Nato will be reduced to a minimum," Mr Yeltsin said. "This way we will not slip towards confrontation, which would inevitably involve big expenses for arms, a new militarisation of political thinking."

However, Russia was not granted the "veto" right it had wanted and Mr Yeltsin will make clear to the Prime Minister and other Western leaders today that Moscow will pull out of the agreement if Nato decides to extend membership to former Soviet republics. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia have already signalled their intention to apply formally to join Nato, a region Moscow regards as its sphere of influence.

Of even greater concern to the Kremlin is the possibility that Ukraine might one day join the alliance, a move Russian nationalists would regard as an act of war.

"I hope that through an open dialogue we will be able to convince those [the three Baltic states] and other countries that their security will not increase by bringing them closer to Nato," said Mr Yeltsin, who travels to Kiev later this week for a long-delayed visit to resolve several outstanding issues between the Slav neighbours.

Part of Russia's strategy in countering the expansion threat will be to play on differences among Nato members. Washington, which has pressed hardest for enlargement, is unlikely to back down. Mr Yeltsin has received a more sympathetic hearing from Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President Chirac of France.

He is hoping that the change of government in Britain may alter London's outlook. Although the Labour administration, like its Conservative predecessor, is committed to Nato expansion, the Russians are aware of a groundswell of opposition against the policy from senior diplomats, leading commentators and military experts.

The Kremlin is expected to point out to the British side that the more it is excluded from European security decision-making, the greater the risk of a domestic political backlash against the reformers in Russia.

PAT ROQUE : AP

A couple carry their children to safety as floodwaters force them to leave their suburban home in Quezon City

Thousands take refuge from Philippines floods

Manila: Floods caused by torrential rain and heavy seas caused havoc yesterday in the Philippines, killing up to 29 people and forcing airports, businesses, schools and financial markets to close (Abby Tan writes). Seven people drowned when a pleasure boat capsized off the central island of Cebu and three men were killed by electric shock while wading in knee-deep waters near Manila, the capital. Two others died in mudslides and two more drowned when falling into manholes.The northern island of Luzon was worst hit.

Gregoriou Vigilar, a Cabinet Secretary, said that 45 per cent of Manila was under water, with floods reaching a height of 6ft in the northern suburb of Quezon City, where families were forced to take refuge on rooftops. The military used lorries and and rubber boats to help to rescue more than 3,000 families.

President Fidel Ramos cancelled appointments after floodwaters swamped roads to the presidential palace. The rain, caused by a tropical depression, is expected to last all week.

WORLD SUMMARY

Ministers held after army coup

Freetown: Troops searched houses in Sierra Leone's capital yesterday for former civilian government ministers, the day after armed forces led by Major Johnny Paul Koromah seized power. Military sources said that five former ministers were detained.

South Africa joined the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity in condemning the coup, which ended just over a year of civilian rule. Freetown's main hospital said that at least 15 had died in the fighting on Sunday, two of them Lebanese. *(Reuter)*

Rapist jailed

Los Angeles: An Air Force sergeant in Washington State was sentenced to 30 years for raping and assaulting three women, including one of his own rank (Giles Whittell writes). A court martial convicted Master Sergeant Napolean Bailey, 39, of Fairchild Air Force Base, of 15 charges, including one of rape and two of forcible sodomy.

Mandela 'plot'

Harare: Two white South Africans have been arrested by Zimbabwean security authorities on suspicion of attempting to kill President Mandela and President Mugabe of Zimbabwe during the South African President's state visit last week, a senior police official said (Jan Raath writes).

Congo security

Kinshasa: Laurent Kabila's Government banned demonstrations in the Democratic Republic of Congo's capital, state television said. It added that none of Mr Kabila's armed forces would be able to circulate in the city without specific orders. *(Reuter)*

Out of hospital

Moscow: Alexander Solzhenitsyn, the Nobel prize-winning author, left hospital where he was treated for heart problems to recuperate at home, his wife Natalia said. The critic of the Kremlin was admitted on May 12. *(AFP)*

Bossi claims 'referendum' mandate for free Padania

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN GENOA

UMBERTO BOSSI, leader of the separatist Northern League, yesterday claimed an overwhelming "Yes" vote in the League's self-styled "referendum" on independence for northern Italy, which Signor Bossi has unilaterally dubbed "Padania".

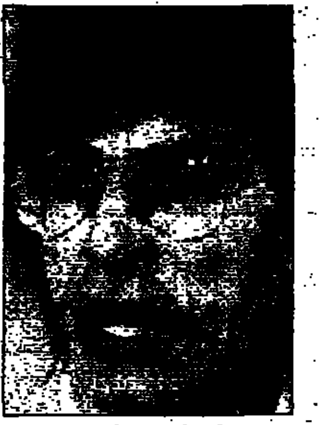
"We have a mandate," Signor Bossi declared. "Padania is on its way."

Newspapers in the main northern cities dismissed the vote as an empty exercise: *Corriere della Sera*, published in Milan, derided the "referendum" as "a farce", while *Il Secolo* of Genoa pointed out that in reality it was "only an opinion poll with which has no legal force".

La Stampa of Turin said Signor Bossi's claim that 99.7 per cent of the six million votes cast were in favour of secession and the creation of a "provisional Padanian government" was a "Bulgarian result".

Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, said the poll was "not serious". "Politics is not a game," he said. President Scalfaro, visiting Palermo, the Sicilian capital, said limited regional autonomy of the kind enjoyed by Sicily was acceptable, but Italy had to remain "one and indivisible".

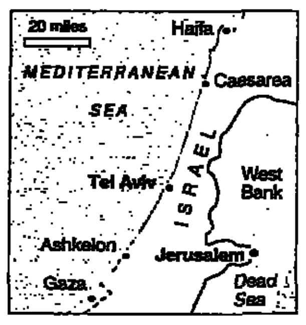
The League, which won 10 per cent of the vote in last year's general election, sucesfully played on north Italian resentment of high taxation by Rome and subsidies paid to support the poorer and less efficient south. But it has since lost ground badly in recent local elections, and staged the "referendum" to regain momentum.



Bossi: "Padania is on its way"

La Repubblica pointed out that there had been no checks to ensure a fair ballot. It said most of the 22 million population of the 11 north Italian provinces, where the 13,000 "polling booths" were set up by League activists, had not voted at all. One reporter from *La Stampa* voted ten times — "five times for and five times against, to ensure I did not affect the result", as he told readers yesterday.

La Repubblica said although the Government had opted to tolerate rather than suppress the League's "increasingly provocative antics", Signor Bossi had succeeded in putting the language of secession on the agenda, with Italians using terms like Padania "as if they actually meant something, when in fact there is no such place".



Diver finds evidence of Philistines' lost port

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

ISRAELI archaeologists yesterday unveiled details of a treasure trove of antiquities recovered from the seabed off the Mediterranean city of Ashkelon which provides rare evidence of the ancient harbour there cited in historic writings, but never found.

Ashkelon was one of the five great Philistine cities, along with Ashdod, Gaza, Gath and Ekron and continued to have a fascinating maritime history up until the period of the Crusaders when it gave its name to "shallots" and "scallions" as a result of its flourishing onion export trade. The city was partially destroyed by Saladin in the 12th century and levelled by the Mameluke sultan Baybars in 1270, leaving only hints of its former glory.

The new discoveries range from a mysterious statue of a monkey with two hands covering its mouth to a shipment of 3,500kg of lead. They are among a wide variety of finds from ten sunken boats recently found off the coast. The Israel Antiquities Authority said the cargoes varied from the Late Bronze Age, some 3,200 years ago, up until the medieval period.

Ashkelon became an important staging point on the great trade route linking Egypt and Mesopotamia, the "Way of the Sea", which continued north through Aphek, Mediddo and Hazor. Today it is a sprawling city famous for its national park and attractive beaches.

The new undersea finds were uncovered by chance by shifting sands caused by the construction of the new marina. They were first noted by Yossi Ayalon, a local diver from the nearby fishing village of Dugit, and reported to the authority.

Marine archaeologists believe that Ashkelon, which once flourished under both Greek and Roman rule and was reputedly the birthplace of Herod the Great, did not have an artificial harbour like Caesarea — further north up the coast beyond present day Tel Aviv — but that seagoing vessels offloaded on to skiffs away from the shore.

The Jerusalem Post reported yesterday that the Antiquities Authority will open an underwater archaeology museum off Haifa. It will display ancient anchors, stone objects from prehistoric villages, and artefacts found during work on Carmel beach.

Danes challenge EU terms

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

THE Danish High Court embarked yesterday on a three-week hearing of a lawsuit brought by a group of ten Danes challenging the constitutional legality of Denmark's membership of the European Union.

The non-partisan group, calling itself the Constitution Committee, alleged that since joining the European Union in 1973 along with Britain and Ireland, Denmark has ceded national authority to Brussels in breach of its own constitution.

The court hearing proper has been delayed by complex legal manoeuvring as the group sought to have confidential government papers, dating back to Denmark's entry into the EU, introduced as evidence.

Article 20 of the Danish constitution states that national powers may only be delegated to international organisations "within a specified limit" and the group argues that Denmark's EU treaties do not sufficiently define the extent to which the European Court and other EU institutions may override national bodies.

The Social Democrat-led centre-left Government believes its case is watertight and lawyers from both sides admit that the state attorney's task has been eased by rulings in recent months that the case should be limited to events since the Maastricht treaty of 1992. The Government insists that Denmark's accession to the Maastricht treaty is in accordance with the constitution and independent legal experts generally see a government win as the most likely outcome.

The Government wants a quick decision as the case casts a shadow over Danish ratification of a revised Maastricht treaty to be hammered out in Amsterdam next month.

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'America's children are petulant, whining brats'

US childcare gurus say parents must get tough on bad behaviour. Report by **Susan Ellicott**

SUPER STOCK

For a decade, middle-class Americans have favoured discussion rather than punishment for bad behaviour but the approach seems to have backfired

Mommies and Daddies across America are in a state of shock. As little Todd throws his umpteenth tantrum and Martha runs riot in the mall, their exhausted parents are realising that in the US, the liberal approach to child-rearing has failed.

"Parents come to me complaining that their children are running their lives," says John Rosemond, a family psychologist. "They describe their children as if they are assaulting them 24 hours a day."

And no wonder. For a generation, the American chattering classes have been in the thrall of "positive reinforcement", an untidy euphemism that meant punishment was a thing of the past. Discipline was a dirty word. And smacking, or "spanking", became even more politically incorrect than smoking.

If a pre-school child misbehaved, the aspiring ideal parents were to take a deep breath and discuss the child's feelings with him or her. ("Why do you think you did *that*? Wouldn't it be better if you did *this*?"). Under no circumstances were they to ignore him, shout or send him to his room, which, according to popular thought, could cause emotional scars.

Once, an acquaintance's two-and-a-half-year-old bit me during supper at their house — and refused to apologise. Rather than do so, he bit me again. Dad stepped in. "Sheldon," he cajoled, "let's go to the kitchen."

I expected the child to be sent to his room. But no. Dad launched into a quasi-Socratic dialogue with him about whether he should get a "timeout", the US version of being sent off the football pitch to cool down. The image of the father towering over his toddler and trying to negotiate rationally has remained with me for years as a sure sign that America's middle-class parents were doomed to misery. Sheldon responded with a series of sullen monosyllables and was eventually allowed back to the table to disrupt the remainder of the evening.

So it's hard to suppress a smile at the conclusions reached by a growing number of modern American child experts. "America's children have become petulant, whining, self-centred brats," says John Rosemond. "Instead of character, we've been building warm, fuzzy feelings inside our kids."

Now that era could be over. Childcare gurus are urging parents to toughen up. "It's time we stopped trying to be psychologically correct," says William Sears, a California paediatrician. "Parents need to show they are in charge."

The main difference between American and British parents, he says, is that the British tend to *expect* their children to be polite and well-behaved, which means that, relatively, they are.

These days, the "Parenting" section in any large American bookstore is almost as long as the cereal display in the supermarket. A record number of titles, plus videos, specialist magazines and "workshops" give specialist advice.

So great are parents' insecurities that John Rosemond has given up his family counselling practice and now makes his living, 250 days a year, on the road, hosting parenting seminars. Then he heads for the Bahamas and writes related books.

Parents have become "amateur psychologists rather than figures of authority," says William Sears, a father of eight children aged from five to 30.

He and his wife, Martha, a nurse, are authors of *The Discipline Book* (published here under the title *Little Angels*), which exhorts parents to spend time with their children to build a secure bond. The Sears are anti-smacking, yet there are signs that the smack is about to get a second chance.

Last autumn, a respected University of California study concluded that a light smack, if given within a loving relationship, could help shape "socially constructive behaviour" in children aged between 18 months and six years. And the American Academy of Paediatricians is revising the language of its blanket disapproval of physical punishment. So wary is the study's author, Dr Diana Baumrind, of raising her critics' hackles that she usually refuses to be quoted in the media unless verbatim from her academic work. She compares the public emotions swirling around smacking to those in the abortion debate. She says of her study: "It's certainly not pro-spanking. It's really more pro-choice."

Members of the American Academy of Paediatricians are so divided about smacking — doctors might recommend it, but sociologists link even moderate smacking with spouse and child abuse — that the negotiations on their exact wording are shrouded in secrecy. Their eagerly awaited statement is due to appear later this year.

'Parents complain that their children are running their lives'

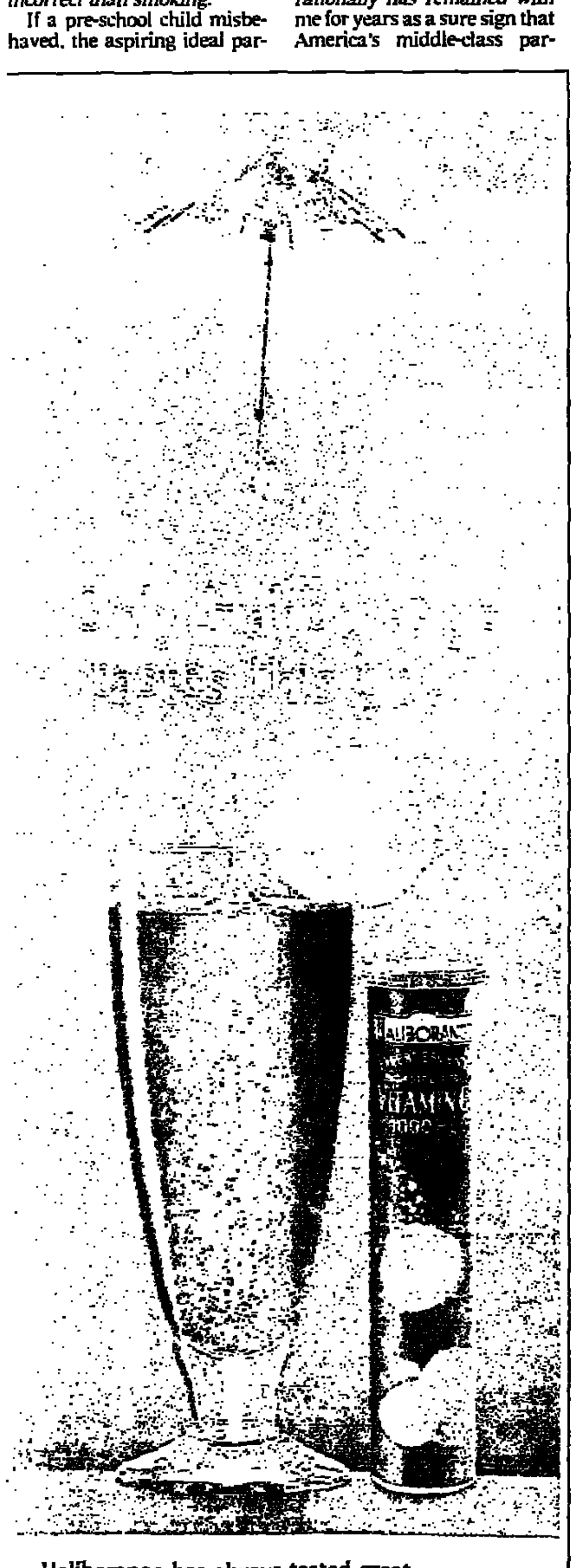
Meanwhile, the US media is becoming obsessed with child discipline and modern parenting styles. In recent weeks, magazines have been filled with gloom. High-flying professionals are waking up on Saturday mornings and finding that their children, many of whom have spent most of the week with a nanny, are out of control.

"Our children are angry and they have a right to be," says Ronald Levant, a psychologist at Harvard Medical School. "They're exposed. Parents are not around and the children's peers and mass media fill the void."

Fears about America's collective escapism into work are mounting, fuelled by an average 50-hour week and a provocative new book by Princeton sociologist Arlie Hochschild. *The Time Bind* concludes that for many Americans, the workplace has become the emotional sanctuary from the stress and turmoil of home, rather than vice versa. And it is the children who suffer.

One study recently estimated that teenagers spend an average of five minutes a day one-to-one with their fathers. With so little time, many parents look for a quick-fix solution to their discipline woes. A friend in Denver recently met a child behaviourist who claims to cure children of Attention Deficit Disorder in ten minutes. "The biggest problem today with discipline is that people are clinging to techniques," says Ronald Levant. "We're kidding ourselves. There are no short cuts. Children need a lot more of our time than we are giving them."

Yet it has taken until now for American society to admit as much. Why? Because it has been politically incorrect to suggest that parents spend more time with their children, lest such a statement be seen as a criticism of working mothers. Today, it's both hip and palatable to propose that mothers and fathers should pitch in more. Americans have learnt that you can combine a career with children, maybe even a great career with children. But lesson number two is tougher: maybe you can't combine a great career with great children.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Why lawyers are turning to drink

Work and social pressures leave many lawyers with an alcohol problem. **Anjana Ahuja** reports on where they can find help

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In only two weeks, 18 lawyers have turned to SolCare

In the pyramid of middle-class professionals, lawyers come pretty near the apex. Highly educated, confident, articulate and affluent, they epitomise success.

Yet many practitioners of justice harbour a dark secret. According to estimates in America, almost one in five people in the legal profession has an alcohol or drug problem. There is no such estimate for Britain, but there is little reason to think they would be much different.

Which is why the Law Society has launched SolCare, an independent charitable organisation, to look after its members' health. SolCare has established an informal link with Alcoholics Anonymous, made contact with treatment centres and will refer people to the Lawyers Support Group, an informal network of legal employees with drink and drug problems. It will also help those suffering from depression and stress.

The burdens of legal life are well-known — long hours, pressure to socialise and heavy caseloads. "I think the stress of practising tends to lead to more problems for lawyers than many other professions," says Charles Elly, a former president of the Law Society who did much during his tenure to bring the issue of alcoholism into the open.

In the two weeks since SolCare's formal inception, 18 people — 12 men and six women — have turned to the charity. Fifteen have a drink problem, one has a drug problem and the remaining two have complained of stress. Barry Pritchard, a former lawyer who runs Solcare, and who was himself an alcoholic, knows that for every person who steps forward, many more remain silent.

□ *Janette (not her real name), 46, from Birmingham, was a conveyancing solicitor. A divorcée, she began drinking heavily during the Eighties, but carried on when financial pressures began to pile up during the recession. Her teenage son left home and her daughter, then eight, was taken into care.*

"During the Eighties there was a lot of social drinking. There was lots of work and parties given by estate agents or building societies. Drinking was part and parcel of the job.

I set up a practice on my own. By the late Eighties, though, the scene had changed. The functions had disappeared. Professionally, others had stopped drinking, but I carried on. I was beginning to drink more on my own. I always had gin, whisky and wine, and would start drinking as soon as I got home.

'I would close the office at 6pm, then pull out the vodka'

"By 1992, it was bad. I would close the office up at 6pm, and then pull out bottles of vodka. I switched to vodka from gin because I thought it would be harder for people to tell I had been drinking — a common delusion among alcoholics. Within a year, I was drinking all the time. I must have been getting through a bottle of vodka a day, then I would visit the off-licence on the way home.

"Several other things happened at the time. The work was beginning to fall off, the premises I was renting were expensive, and my father died in 1993. That's when I went downhill very rapidly.

"Well-meaning friends contacted social services about my daughter. They thought this would bring me to my senses, but I was in denial.

"By this time, I knew I had to do something drastic about the business. I wanted to close it, but couldn't afford to because of the overheads. Yet I couldn't afford to keep it open. It seemed like a vicious circle. I didn't want to approach the Law Society because I was afraid of what they might do. So, in the autumm of 1994, I took client funds and paid off £36,000 of overheads.

"With the help of Alcoholics Anonymous and the Lawyers Support Group, I had my last drink in January 1995. I got my daughter back after eight months. I knew the Law Society would eventually catch up with me, so I went to them. I was struck off for misusing client funds.

"My lifestyle now couldn't be more different. We live on income support in a negative equity house. Income support pays some mortgage interest, but not all. I do some voluntary work and have gone back to college just to keep me occupied. But I am enjoying being a full-time mum.

"Professionally, I regret what happened. If I had gone to the Law Society two years earlier things may not have needed to get as bad."

□ *Barry Pritchard, 61, runs SolCare from his home in Porthmadog, Gwynedd. He has two children from his first marriage and is remarried with a stepson.*

"I was a senior partner in a law firm in Redditch. At 34, I decided to set up on my own in Bournemouth. That's when things took a nosedive. Basically, the way you do business is to entertain or be entertained. So liquid lunches became the norm.

"I also joined Round Table, which meant drinking in the evenings. By this time I had switched to Carlsberg Special, an extra strong beer, whisky and vodka. Two years later, I was polishing off a bottle of vodka a day.

"I merged with another practice and a partner moved in. He made the bottom drawer of his filing cabinet a drinks cabinet so he could offer clients a G&T rather than the standard cup of coffee. I thought this was a brilliant idea, and kicked myself for not thinking of it earlier. It would be easier and cheaper to buy the spirits myself. I still had no inkling that what I was doing was unusual. Then my partner asked me to resign. He said my drinking had become unacceptable. I must have been up to about a bottle and a half of spirits a day.

"I resigned, moved to Poole and opened another practice. The first thing I did was to install a drinks cabinet. I was immediately back on the entertainment treadmill. I kept calling into clubs and pubs, persuading myself I was picking up business. It was true, but it also gave me an excuse to drink.

"One day, I turned up in the office plastered and my secretary suggested I went to AA. So I did. But I couldn't identify with the other people there. They had lost their family, lost their job, crashed the car and lost their driving licence. I hadn't. In fact, that is exactly what happened to me over the next three years because my whole life centred on alcohol.

"After I crashed the car, my doctor got me into a treatment centre for three months, but when I came out I started drinking again. I devised a rota for visiting off-licences so the shopkeepers wouldn't guess I was alcoholic.

"The turning point came when I met and married Margaret, a former client. Initially, she turned a blind eye. But after two years, she gave me an ultimatum. I decided there and then to quit. I remember the evening vividly — it was July 4, 1982. Within half an hour, somebody from AA was sitting in the living room. I haven't had a drop since. Soon afterwards, I got involved with the Lawyers Support Group, which allowed me to talk through the professional side of my problems without compromising my confidentiality."

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The dynasty of the living dead

The Royal House of Oudh once ruled 5m people. **Christopher Thomas** on the family's final humiliation

Deep in the Delhi woods, five howling great danes and dobermans strain at chains anchoring them to a derelict 13th-century monument — windowless, doorless, waterless and foul — where their master and mistress, impoverished hermits both, carry the Royal House of Oudh through its death throes.

Deeds strange and macabre have gone on here, hidden from Delhi's eyes. Princess Rajkumari Sakina Mahal lives with her brother, Prince Rajkumar Cyrus Riza, in conditions that are beyond poverty. It is a deathly place, filled with a constantly articulated desire by the princess and prince finally to end the humiliation of the great House of Oudh. The many palaces and legions of servants are long gone, and the remaining two royals are reduced to squalor made more stark by an attachment to a few threadbare Persian carpets and some slivers of diamonds, the last of anything worthwhile.

The couple, shut away from the world, would set the dogs on anybody coming unannounced. A sign warns that intruders will be gunned down. They address each other with a royal formality, the last dignity left to them.

They reject an India they despise for bringing them to this. The princess, thin and filthy in tattered shirt and trousers, has not touched her grease-caked hair with a brush or comb in more than three years, and intends never to do so again. Nor has she stepped outside into the sun in that time because she has entered a lifetime of withdrawal and mourning for her late mother. She is 37.

Her story is told through bouts of crying. "Tell the world what has been done to us," she says. It is the first time she has spoken of the events that have brought the House of Oudh to its final degradation in the woods, in a leaking monument shared with pigeons that defecate upon everything, where there is no electricity and only one servant, liveried in a fraying black uniform, playing his part in the final stages of a royal tragedy. He stands to attention, sometimes swishing his arms at the birds flying in and out, ignoring the mice and chipmunks scampering about his feet. At night, bats fly through the gloom of oil lamps, depositing their pungent droppings. It is a dreadful theatre.

At 2.40pm on October 12, 1993, Princess Wilayat Mahal Oudh died, aged 62. She was the couple's mother and she took her own life — "do not use the word s-u-i-c-i-d-e, it is too common," I was instructed — by crushing her diamond necklace and bracelet and swallowing them.

"It was a quick death," her daughter says, showing the stone writing table where her highness, as her children always called her, was found dead. "This drink of fire tears up all the inner organs." Her death ended a long, lost fight for justice, although her battle had an eccentric nobility, conducted as it was for ten years at New Delhi railway station.

With 13 large dogs, seven servants and two of her children, the begum, who traced her aristocracy to ancient Islamic Persian kings, occupied a small portico off what had been the viceroy's waiting room. From there she petitioned for the return of at least two of the palaces of Oudh, a former princely state in the northern Hindi heartland, in what is now Uttar Pradesh. Five million people were ruled from the capital, Lucknow. Her highness conducted her vigil with a Shiite sense of sacrifice, seated upon antique carpets, erect and regal. Her children never called her mother — that would have been presumptuous — and she addressed them with equal formality.

> 'Tell the world what has been done to us'

Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, sympathised with the family's plight and gave them a small palace in Srinagar, capital of the Kashmir Valley, but in 1971 it burnt to the ground, destroying many antiques and ensuring ultimate poverty. The family insisted that it was an act of arson by enemies in the Government, and moved to New Delhi station to begin their dignified protest. For three years they lived on the platform, their valuables stuffed in suitcases, before occupying the waiting room. To get them out peacefully the Indian Government in 1985 allocated the monument in the woods, Malcha Mahal. A plinth outside the building proclaims in unintended mockery: "Rulers of Oudh."

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The Royal House of Oudh: Princess Rajkumari Sakina Mahal (left) and her brother, Prince Rajkumar Cyrus Riza, with their late mother, Princess Wilayat Mahal Oudh

Her highness was awarded an official allowance of 500 rupees (about £9) a month by the Government, probably a calculated insult. Princess Sakina, sitting erect and formal on a stone bed, shows the only remaining mementoes of her mother: a shawl, a pair of black gloves, some dress shoes. "Everything else has gone, everything."

Her son began embalming her while simultaneously preparing a vault for her body in the woods. He waited for the corpse to dehydrate before the final embalming, which he hoped would enable her to "remain with me for the rest of my life". For ten days he and his sister slept with the body on a stone bed, one on either side. "This is our story," the princess says. "It has never been told before. The world must know."

By their own admission the embalming was not expertly done; it was performed, according to the prince, using secret methods and ingredients passed down from the time of the Pharaohs and did not involve the removal of organs. Her highness's remaining diamonds, rubies and pearls were crushed and used in the embalming process. The desk where she had secretly crushed the diamonds to kill herself is revered by her children as a shrine and the china bowl from which the diamonds were consumed stands upon it like an altar cup. Bits of diamonds left over from the lethal cocktail and the embalming are scooped into a small pile. Her highness remains, as Princess Sakina says in a lengthy manuscript she has written and sent to the Queen, "the unseen presence".

The typed manuscript, duplicated several times and bound into books, is kept from Indian eyes "because our country is insensitive". It provides an account of events before and after the family moved to their monument, which floods in the monsoon, bakes in the summer and is cold as a tomb in winter. A picture included in the manuscript shows her highness with one of her dogs. There used to be 28; they, too, are dying out.

The manuscript is a lament for the many humiliations of the House of Oudh, and for the traumatic events leading to the death of her highness, who, according to the manuscript, followed "the rites of the Order of Reality" in consuming the crushed diamonds, "the drink of silence". She left no note, or warned of what she was going to do. Twice in the year of her death she wrote to the Indian President, appealing to him to "realise the House of Oudh's distress". There was no response.

The House of Oudh was lost in 1857 when the sybaritic Nawab Wajid Ali, the last ruler, was evicted from his Lucknow palaces by the British and his state disbanded for alleged mismanagement.

This injustice, which the British later acknowledged but never redressed, began the long process of decline from royalty to poverty. The palaces are occupied by the state government of Uttar Pradesh; the main building, Chatar Manzil Palace on the banks of the Gomti River in Lucknow, is used for pharmaceutical research.

The remaining two royals have given up hope of getting them back. All that remains is to consider how to survive now the last antiques and jewellery have been sold, and to continue with the only point of their lives: venerating the memory of their mother and contemplating their "ruination", as the princess's manuscript describes it. "Her highness remains our sustaining power," she says. "We consider ourselves the dynasty of the living dead."

Most of their valuables were stolen soon after they moved into their monument by Bawaria tribesmen posing as wood gatherers after poisoning seven of their dogs. The thieves escaped with the wares of the royal dining table — silver dinner and tea sets, 36 silver glasses and goblets, a gold bowl containing diamond-studded bracelets, rings and watches. The couple watched the plunder as they sheltered for protection behind their chained dogs indoors. Their seclusion after that became total: they saw no one, invited no one. People "should not have the audacity to have an audience with us", the princess says.

Six months after embalming their mother, the prince and princess took the body from its vault to carry out additional embalming. She was laid on a marble slab for seven days, wrapped in a raw silk peacock blue sari, while the June heat hammered through the thick walls. She was returned to the vault, but six months later it was decided to commit her to the flames — "you must not call it that common word, c-r-e-m-a-t-i-o-n" — so she would "remain untouched and unseen by any human".

Thus began the final phase of the House of Oudh.

The family live in conditions beyond poverty in Malcha Mahal, a 13th-century monument

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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on the haunted imagination of the Flemish artist, Jan Fabre. Plus galleries round-up

From cradle to grave

Half-hidden in the leafy grounds of the Holburne Museum in Bath, the gardener's shelter may seem harmless. But anyone who enters it should be wary. Gleaming seductively from a distance, the bowler-hatted man seated inside turns out to be studded with hundreds of drawing-pins. They all face outwards, threatening to scratch the careless. Freshly-cut lengths of smoked meat wrapped round his legs add to the menacing mood.

Jan Fabre, the Flemish artist who made this sinister figure in 1978, gave it the innocuous title *Me Dreaming*. But the sightless eyes, along with the nail projecting from the man's mouth, suggest that his sleep is assailed by nightmares. And the rest of Fabre's extraordinarily ambitious exhibition, spread across six other Bath sites as well as Bristol's Arnolfini and the Oriel in Cardiff, undoubtedly issues from a haunted imagination.

Apart from Magritte, whose influence Fabre acknowledges in his figure's bowler hat, the main source of inspiration is the artist's great-grandfather. A distinguished entomologist, Jean-Henri Fabre was renowned for his work on beetles. A microscope sits on the desk in the gardener's shelter, suggesting that Jan Fabre identifies himself with an ancestor who pored for so long over the insects he collected.

In Bath the fascination becomes eerily clear at the Cottrell Room, approachable via some grand yet shabby colonnades near Pulteney Bridge. Push open the graffiti-strewn doors, and you find yourself in a dank chamber. At the far end, a carcass-like form dangles from the ceiling. As it revolves in the breeze, its surface glows and glitters. Closer inspection reveals that it is encrusted with jewel beetles. Occasionally, their pincers rise up from this dense, embedded mass, as if struggling to protect themselves from attack. But they are all dead, and the stillness of this chilling interior is as sepulchral as an abattoir.

Whatever materials Fabre employs, he never strays far from an elegiac atmosphere. In a dark and dilapidated cellar below the City of Bath College, tea bags are suspended in profusion over a flooded floor. Through the gloom, we gradually realise that a self-portrait of the artist has been attached to each bag. Faded and mouldering, they look ready to fall into the water and disintegrate.

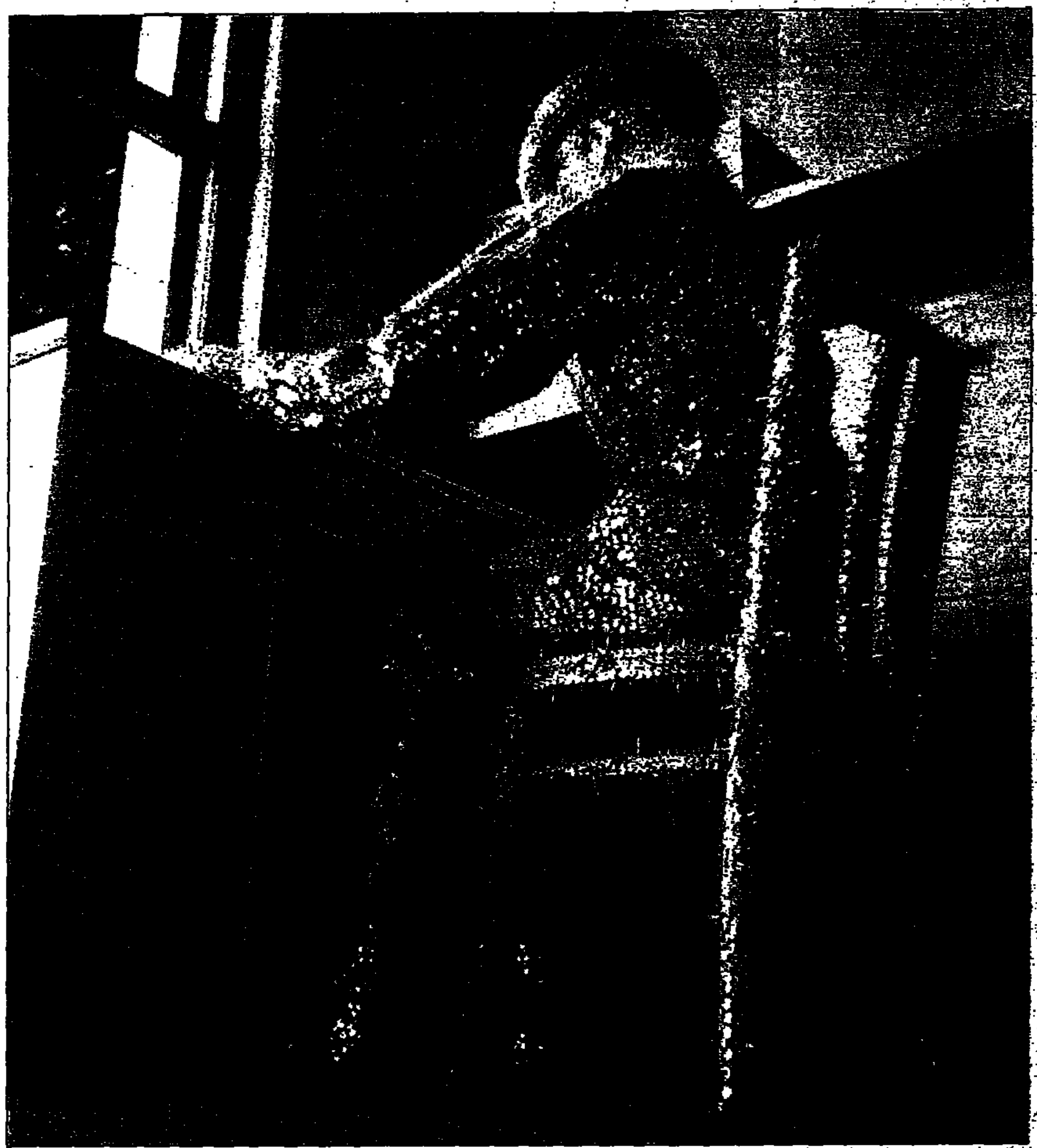
> ‘The sightless eyes suggest he is assailed by nightmares’

To set against his remorseless emphasis on transience and loss, Fabre also busies himself with collecting. Near the Assembly Rooms, he has transformed an empty shop into a shrine filled with preservative glass jars. They stand under chair-legs, line rows of shelves and gather in a white, wooden crib. All the furniture here comes from Fabre's childhood home, where he was impressed by his mother's postwar insistence on storing food supplies. Memories of the world he experienced as a child feed much of his work. But they are all shaped by the instinctive theatricality of a man equally renowned for his opera designs and spectacular performance works.

Each of the locations in Bath has become his stage set, nowhere more arrestingly than on the first floor of an empty Georgian house in St James's Square. The high, wide room is almost filled with a looming wooden structure called *The House of Flames*. Its doors swing open to disclose an interior as shadowy as a tomb. But no sarcophagus can be found there. Instead, our eyes gradually begin to make out the blue ballpoint lines scrawled all over the walls. Fabre is fascinated by what his great-grandfather poetically described as the "hour blue" — the moment when night passes into day, light makes its first faint stirring and birds begin to sing. Determined to find its visual equivalent, Fabre has even covered Tivoli Castle in Belgium with blue ballpoint ink. The colour helps to offset the emphasis on mortality which might otherwise make his work intolerably morbid.

No hint of affirmation can be found in a deserted house on Great Bedford Street, where flycatchers hang down from a dilapidated ceiling and wait for their prey. Fabre's self-portrait with protruding red ears is displayed above the fireplace, staring out at the silent room with a vigilant air. But his presence does nothing to alleviate the predatory coldness of an installation where I felt no desire to linger.

Over at the disused mortuary chapel in Walcot, though, his dramatic transformation of the interior is far from stifling. Seven baths, all resting on claw feet, stretch from one end of the building to the other. They should resemble coffins, and glimpses of a graveyard through the windows intensifies the air of doom. But the baths are empty, and Fabre has enlivened them with his ubiquitous blue ink. It gives their surfaces a dappled, mottled quality, and the depth of the colour is echoed in the reflective blue of the owls perched like sentinels just below the chapel roof. Although their Murano glass bodies have been smothered in ink, they glint in the building's clear light.



The sinister figure of Fabre's *Me Dreaming* (1978) pays tribute to the artist's great-grandfather, with a nod to Magritte

The owl reappears in Fabre's exhibition at the Arnolfini in Bristol, where a large blue drawing presents him in the guise of a bird-catcher. As gaunt as Joseph Beuys, his face gazes out at us through the veil of a beekeeper's hat. This is a portrait of the artist as Lime Twig Man, a legendary German figure who chases birds with his lime branch and, at the same time, attracts clouds of insects. Fabre detects parallels between this mythical, 16th-century hunter and the contemporary artist, both of whom attract controversy and misunderstanding.

Upstairs, more than 500 wooden crosses lean against a long wall. Although reminiscent of war cemeteries, they are inscribed with insect names conceived by Jean-Henri Fabre. The uprooted appearance of these stacked crosses adds to their eeriness. Fabre's decision to give them the collective title *The Grave of the Unknown Computer* reinforces the unease. Humanity, he implies, will itself become obsolescent as technological prowess increases. But beetles are born survivors.

In another intriguing room at the Arnolfini, the beginnings of Fabre's obsessive world are charted. Small, intense pencil drawings show a dead mouse suspended in a bush, a crab scuttling through the night and butterflies barely discernible through dense layers of graphite. An odd, childish glee animates the strangest images.

Fabre's sense of zest counters his ever-present awareness of the grave. In his finest work, the two are held in balance. The mouth of *Cocoon*, an earth-coloured sculpture resting halfway up a wall, may reveal a disconcerting void within. But it offers shelter as well, and an unpredictable form of new life might one day be born in its gaping, expectant body.

- *Jan Fabre is at seven sites in Bath (01225 462231) until June 14, Arnolfini Bristol (0117 9299191) until July 6, and Oriel Cardiff (01222 399477) until June 21*

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AROUND THE GALLERIES

PHOEBE HART came to her own distinctive art form by a circuitous route, both artistically and geographically. Now, at the age of 80, she is known as an embroiderer and maker of boldly coloured needlepoint hangings, which she regards as rugs and insists are meant to be walked on. Born in London of American parents in 1917, she studied painting at Chelsea Polytechnic and stage design at the Slade, and had some success as a painter of murals and portraits. But the war interrupted everything, not least through the death in action of her first husband. After the war she remarried and went to Jamaica, where she began to design again at the request of a doctor who wanted work for her tuberculosis patients. She taught herself various techniques so that she could supervise others, and from there came her own personal work. At the outset she drew upon American folk-art, but branched out into her own exotic world of tropical plants and animals, mixed with the everyday sights of England and Italy, where she now lives.
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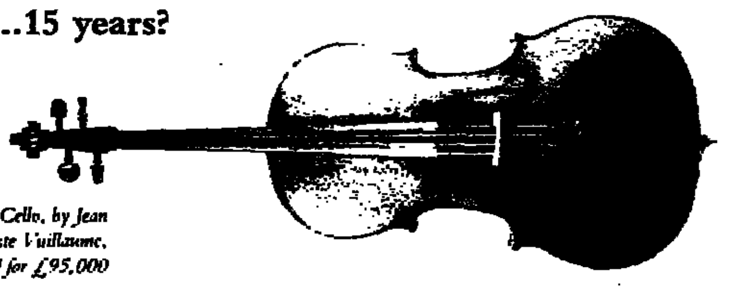

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Mark Knopfler and friends are in relaxed mood as they conclude their British tour in London

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No spark and no cigar

Jonathan Miller's production, new two years ago, had a lot going for it, including atmospheric sets by Peter J. Davison. It could and should have developed interestingly, and I had hoped that a revival director as experienced and resourceful as David Ritch would have made good one or two miscalculations, such as the characterisation of Carmen herself and the generally loose focus on relationships, then

OPERA

Carmen
Coliseum

brought the action further downstage and tidied up the dialogue. But Ritch has been mysteriously faithful to the original, and Saturday's singularly depressing revival marked a decisive step backwards rather than forwards.

Much of the blame must rest with the translation by Keith and Emma Warner, not so much the sometimes mis-stressed lyrics, more the dialogue, now cut to way beyond a bare minimum and delivered with the communal embarrassment that it deserves. Cues for music have been expunged and the self-conscious vulgarity of the syntax is simply toe-curling. I recall no equivalent for "lucky bugger" in Meilhac and Halévy, nor for "you scare men shitless", which has been amended and is now mumbled inaudibly. This is a blot on the fair name of a company that once played one of the best *Carmen* texts in the world.

And it is a fatally inadequate springboard for any sensible reading of the work. Carmen herself remains the chief casualty, and the way the talents of Louise Winter are wasted is cause for teeth-grinding rage. She has everything for the role — the voice, the allure, the ebullience — but is saddled with a series of unbelievably frumpy costumes, never allowed to suggest the woman's anarchic humour, and put too far upstage at crucial moments. Launching the Habanera slumped against a wall as far away from the audience as it is possible to get? Give us a break.

One oddity of Miller's staging was placing principals yards apart when playing an intimate scene — José and Micaëla in the first act, José and Carmen in the second — so that relationships remained only half-established and hence barely developed: easily adjustable, you would think, but no such luck. This also has its effect on David Rendall, who has joined the cast as José; he, too, has everything for the role vocally, the heft as well as the delicacy, and does what he can in a vacuum.

With the protagonist so fatally played down, Micaëla almost becomes the heroine, an impression once more underlined by Janice Watson's forceful singing of the role. Robert Hayward also repeats his big-boned, relentlessly *fortissimo* Toreador and there are notable newcomers in Peter Snipp as a crystal-clear, bullish Moralès and Garry Magee (Dancairo), who gives a passable imitation of his near-namesake Gary Oldman in one of his loucher movie roles.

There is one further dead hand on the evening, the conducting of Alexander Polianichko. The lack of response to the music's wit, instrumental colour and dramatic contour would have been almost laughable were the matter not so serious. Did no one check out his sympathy for French music before engaging him? Poor Bizet.

RODNEY MILNES

DONALD COOPER

Fatal retraction: Louise Winter (Carmen) and Mary Plazas (Frasquita) in David Ritch's misconceived *Carmen*

POP: Mark Knopfler and his country cousins are having a good time in their own sweet way

Swinging London

The Notting Hillbillies
Shepherd's Bush Empire

STILL plugging their only album, *Missing . . . Presumed Having A Good Time*, released in 1990, and still apparently having just that, Mark Knopfler's extra-curricular collective, the Notting Hillbillies, concluded a lengthy British tour with a London show that was as relaxed and good-natured as their name. Built around a nucleus of like-minded cronies from Knopfler's past — guitarists Brendan Croker and Steve Phillips, who both played with him during his apprenticeship in the blues clubs of Leeds, and keyboard player/guitarist Guy Fletcher, who was latterly a member of Dire Straits — the band was recently reactivated to play a couple of charity concerts and ended up touring the length and breadth of Britain.

Spared the vulgar demands of the promotional merry-go-round and safely cocooned from any remotely modern developments, musical or fashionable, the Hillbillies applied themselves with codgerish enthusiasm to what was clearly a labour of love. The presence on drums of the silver-haired Ed Bicknall, who holds down a day job as Knopfler's manager, contributed to the informal tone. But he was certainly no slouch, looking and playing rather like Charlie Watts (in jazz mode) and laying down a great Bo Diddley beat on *Calling Elvis*.

The latter was one of several Dire Straits songs included in the set, although Knopfler was at pains to point out how many of them had been covered by bona fide country acts such as Waylon Jennings (*Setting Me Up*), the Judds (*Water Of Love*) and Randy Travis (*Are We In Trouble Now*, from Knopfler's second solo album).

But although these were elegantly played and greeted with tremendous enthusiasm by the jam-packed audience, it was the more traditional western swing and country-blues material that coaxed the best performances, notably *Blues Stay Away From Me*, *KC Moan* and *That's All*, the latter boasting the most marvellous four-part gospel harmonies.

Despite the democratic organisation of affairs which gave Philips and Croker a roughly equal quota of lead vocal and guitar duties, Knopfler was effortlessly the dominant presence. His honeyed guitar tone on *Your Own Sweet Way*, so understated yet so eloquent, was like a lover's whisper, while his gruff, languid vocal on *I'm the Fool* was laden with a quietly heartfelt melancholy.

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A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

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AMERICAN DREAMS David Rousseve's Reality company performs a mixed bill of dance-theatre: *Dry Each Other's Tears in the Stillness of the Night*, *Pop Dreams* and *The Whispers of Angels*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242). Tonight, 7.45pm.

BEACH BLANKET BABYLON Long-running extravaganza from San Francisco plays 16 performances here as part of the BOC Covent Garden Festival. "Snow White" travels the world and finds all manner of strange and famous people. Said to feature the biggest hats seen on stage.
Unicorn Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-312 1992). Opens tonight 8pm. Then, Tue and Wed, 8pm, Thurs, Fri and Sat, 7pm and 9pm. Until June 7.

HENRY V The first full season on ye new olde Elizabethan stage (not actually Shakespeare's) opens with Mark Rylance playing Hal in Richard Olivier's all-male production.
Shakespeare's Globe, Bankside, SE1 (0171-620 0202). Previews begin tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 14, 3pm. Evenings in repertory with *The Winter's Tale*, 7.30pm, mats most days, various times.

A PASSIONATE WOMAN Stephanie Cole returns to play the title role in Kay Mellor's hit West End comedy. It is Betty's son's wedding day, so why is Betty hiding in the attic? With Gordon Alcock, Conrad Nelson and Toby Dale. Directed by Ned Sherrin.
Churchill, High Street, Bromley (0181-460 6677). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

ELSEWHERE

CHELTENHAM: English Touring Opera's spring tour ends this week. The company's new production of Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* (tonight, Thursday and Saturday) is performed alongside Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers* (tomorrow and Friday).
Everyman, Regent Street (01242 572573). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

LEEDS: Seven x 7, a season of seven new plays by seven writers, opens tonight with *The Life and Times of Young Bob Scallion* by Mick Martin. Directed by Natasha Betteridge.
West Yorkshire Playhouse, Playhouse Square, Quarry Hill (0113-244 2111). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 3pm. *Precious*, by Anna Reynolds, opens on June 3.

MANCHESTER Gesher Theatre of Israel presents Joshua Sobol's new play **The Village**. Set during the Second World War as Jews and Arabs are drawing apart. Performed in Hebrew, with headset translation.
Dancehouse, Oxford Road (0161-237 9753). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm. Then at the Lyric, Hammersmith.

MOLD Bryan Murray plays the retiring leader of an Irish barbershop quartet who has resisted happiness by dwelling on a lost love. Peter Rowe directs the first British theatre production of Billy Roche's intimate bittersweet **The Cavalcaders**.
Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Mon (except June 2, 9, 16) to Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat (June 14, 21), 2.45pm. Until June 21.

LONDON GALLERIES

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
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◪ **ALWAYS** Believe it or not, the King and Mrs Simpson story set to music (by William May and Jason Sprague) starring Jan Hartley and Clive Carter. That alarming noise is Queen Mary rotating in her grave.
Victoria Palace, Victoria Street, W1 (0171-834 1317). Now previewing. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Opens June 10, 7pm.

☐ **THE GOODBYE GIRL** Gary Wilmot, Ann Crumb and Shezwae Powell in the Hamlisch/Zippel musical version of Neil Simon's play. Dancer dumped by one actor and landed with another gradually finds love.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm.

☐ **THE HOMECOMING** Pinter's unnerving comedy, set in a north London house where David Bradley's bullying Max leads the struggle to possess his eldest son's wife (Lindsay Duncan). Roger Michell directs.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Final performances tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; mat Wed, 2.15pm.

☐ **THE MAI** Dublin prizewinner by Marina Carr, author of the haunting *Portia Coughlan*. Four generations of women whose lives men have variously disrupted. Nicolas Kent directs.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm. Until June 7.

☐ **MASTER CLASS** Patti LuPone recreates her Broadway starring role as Maria Callas in Terrence McNally's Tony-winning play where the great diva puts aspiring opera singers through their paces. Leonard Foglia directs.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

◪ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** The season opens with Rachel Kavanaugh's production of the Shakespeare ideally suited to the open air. Ian Talbot plays Bottom. Fingers crossed for fine weather.
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (0171-486 2431). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats various dates on Wed, Thurs, Sat. *All's Well That Ends Well* joins the repertoire in June.

☐ **THE POWER OF DARKNESS** Tolstoy's now old-fashioned drama of adultery, retribution and redemption among the Russian peasantry.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Sat, 4pm. Until May 31.

◪ **TOM AND CLEM** Stimulating play with Alec McCowen and Michael Gambon as sober Attlee and flamboyant Driberg, sorting out the world at Potsdam.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6007). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE YEATS SEASON** Damned Poets Co present five short plays, including his famous *On Baile's Strand* and *The Dreaming of the Bones*, influenced by Noh Theatre. Two separate programmes but all five can be seen on Thursdays and Saturdays.
Pentameters, 28 Heath Street, Hampstead, NW3 (0171-435 3648). Tue, Wed and Sun, 8pm; Thurs and Sat, 7pm. Until June 8.

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **Cats** New London (0171-405 0072) ◪ **Grease** Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ◪ **An Inspector Calls** Garrick (0171-494 5085) ☐ **Jesus Christ Superstar** Lyceum (0171-656 1807) ◪ **Miss Saigon** Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) ☐ **Oliver!** Palladium (0171-494 5020) ☐ **Starlight Express** Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ☐ **The Woman in Black** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **ANNA KARENINA** (15) Trite version of Tolstoy's novel, with Sophie Marceau and Sean Bean. Director, Bernard Rose.
Notting Hill Coronet Ⓢ (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **BEAVIS AND BUTTHEAD DO AMERICA** (12) TV's teenage morons conquer the big screen. Fun, but crude animation. Director, Mike Judge.
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◆ **JUNGLE 2 JUNGLE** (PG) Boy from the Amazon jungle humanises Wall Street broker. With Tim Allen.
Greenwich (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** (0990 888990) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Warner West End** (0171-437 4343)

MON HOMME (18) Adventures of a happy hooker. Redundant frolic from Bertrand Blier, with Anouk Grinberg.
ABC Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121)

NO WAY HOME (18) Interesting but bloodless American independent movie about a former prisoner (Tim Roth) sucked into trouble. Director, Buddy Giovinazzo.
Odeon Kensington (0181-315 4214) **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527)

CURRENT

◆ **THE ENGLISH PATIENT** (15) Map-making Ralph Fiennes smoulders with passion for Kristin Scott Thomas.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **Plaza** (0990-888 990) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

EVERYONE SAYS I LOVE YOU (12) New York neuroses set to music by Woody Allen. With Alan Alda.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Minema** (0171-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0181-315 4214) **Mezzanine** Ⓢ (0181-315 4215) **Rio** (0171-254 6677) **Warner** Ⓢ (0171-437 4343) **Watermans** (0181-568 1176)

◆ **HIGH SCHOOL HIGH** (15) Rough going for an idealistic teacher in an inner city school. Paltry comedy vehicle for John Lovitz. Director, Hart Bochner.
Odeon West End (0181-315 4221) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (0990 888990)

KOLYA (12) Confirmed bachelor is lumbered with a five-year-old boy.
Barbican Ⓢ (0171-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (0171-369 1720) **Gate** Ⓢ (0171-727 4043) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (0171-435 3366)

◆ **MICROCOSMOS** (U) Astonishing French field trip to the world of insects.
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◆ **THE RELIC** (15) Monster ruins a natural history museum's gala opening. Tiresome nonsense, with Penelope Ann Miller and Tom Sizemore.
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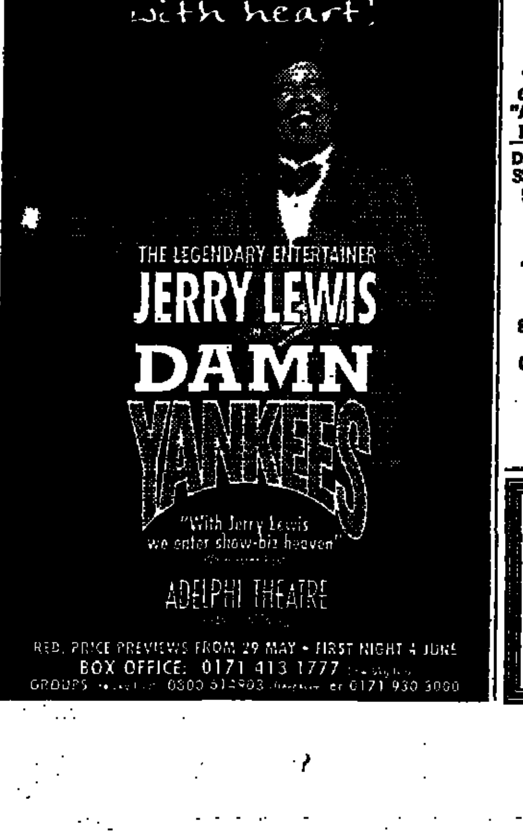

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Amsterdam is the end of Britain

Sign this treaty and we abolish our country, says **John Redwood**

I*f we sign the present draft* of the Amsterdam treaty, *we will abolish our country*. The draft treaty is by far *the most ambitious document* yet to emerge from the Brussels *administration so far*. It plans to set up what Chancellor Kohl has called a "political as well as a monetary" Union. Anyone else would call it a new country.

The new treaty is based on a strong legal structure, giving to the centre all the principal powers *that used to reside in* Europe's democratic national *parliaments. It turns on the* British idea of subsidiarity, *making* clear that the European Union will enjoy all the "means necessary to attain its objectives and carry through its policies". The Court of Justice rules supreme. Under this treaty, there would be no doubt that it could overturn Acts of Parliament and be the *ultimate* lawmaker. *It will* interpret the needs of the *European Union and see that* they are enforced. You cannot *have a Europe of nations and* this version of the Court.

The new Union would even have the right to take Britain's votes away in the Council of Ministers. At the moment we have the right to vote against proposals we do not like and the right to veto the most important. We are told that the Union is "founded on the *principles of liberty*, democracy, respect *for human rights* and fundamental *freedoms, and the* rule of law". It does not have the grandeur of Jeffersonian prose, but it is as ambitious as the American Declaration of Independence in its scope. We are told that these rights are reflected in the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms. If the other members think we are in breach of any of these rights or freedoms, we will lose our votes and our veto in the Council. Incorporating the *Convention into British law* will require changes to our law *codes anyway, but will not* exempt us from further legal action claiming we have broken the letter or the spirit of the Union's purposes.

> The new Union could remove our votes and veto in the Council of Ministers

Some will say there is no threat in this because Britain would never want to break those principles. We are a democratic and a fair-minded state. Yet in recent years we have been found in breach of the Convention several times: *it might be the Government's* anti-terrorism measures, or *some technicality over equal* opportunities that other countries could use as an excuse to take our votes away. Then they could pass measures that we did not like.

The EU already has a chain of embassies around the world. Now it is to have a foreign policy for them. Sign this treaty, and we will have to obey the general view in our relations with any other overseas *country. The treaty says* that the common policy must cover "all areas of foreign and security policy". It goes on to insist: "The member states shall support the Union's external and security policy actively and unreservedly in the spirit of loyalty and mutual solidarity." The overseas *territories of member states* will be brought under the general *guidance of EU policy*. The Falkland Islands may not go to Argentina, but they would come under Spain and other continental countries.

The United Kingdom would for the time being keep its seat on the UN Security Council, but we could only use it to put forward the agreed European, not the British, policy on any *international crisis. We would* be on the way to establishing a *European army, and to seeing* our troops committed to action *even* where Britain had reservations about the wisdom of such a course.

The Government seems only to have latched on to the plan to take away our right to a separate immigration and borders policy. The treaty would require us to follow a common European policy on visas and on who we would *allow into our region of the* new Europe. All this will be *decided by qualified majority* vote. Britain would lose all the advantages of our island status. We would no longer have our own policy, policed at our own points of entry.

The treaty takes criminal laws, policing and justice matters under its wing. The first steps are taken towards a European police force. Our criminal law comes under the Court of Justice, and we *would have to move* our law codes into *line with the others.*

Meanwhile Gor*don Brown is busily* making what is left of the Bank of England independent, preparing to make it into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the European Bank. It will not be long before he rams the Stability Pact through the Commons, placing our economy under continental control.

The treaty takes wide-ranging powers in many other areas. It strengthens the control of the EU in consumer protection, public health, the environment, social policy, *employment, transport*, regional policy and statistics. In *short, it gives to the Union all* of the power usually associated *with a government.*

It is high time Parliament and public woke up to these issues. The election gave Tony Blair a big mandate to run this country, but it gave him no mandate to give it away. So worried was he by the sceptical views of many voters that he signed an article in *The Sun* about how he would defend Britain. *His party wrapped* itself in the Union Jack and *adopted the bulldog as its* symbol. Mr Blair must now *live up to those fine words.*

We have need of a Government which will explain all this honestly to the British people, and then explain to our partners that we cannot sign up to a single word of the Amsterdam treaty. This is a federal treaty. It is the last main treaty they need to take our country away. Sign this, *and we will no longer have* a powerful British democracy *capable of righting our* wrongs and representing our interests.

The author is MP for Wokingham and a candidate in the election for the leadership of the Conservative Party.

Woodrow Wyatt thinks we could all do with less of Gordon Brown's high-handed hyperactivity

Calm down, you're rocking the boat

Remember those huge Labour advertisements that stated that under the Tories, Britain had dropped to 18th place in the world prosperity league? Gordon Brown chanted: "The true record of *the past 17 years is one of our country* falling further behind." Labour's figures came from the World Economic Forum's global competitive*ness rankings. Last week the same* organisation issued its rankings for *1997. Britain had advanced to seventh* place and was the sole European *Union country in the top ten. France* and Germany were in the twenties, Italy was ranked 39th.

The Economist Intelligence Unit rates Britain's business environment second best in the world. Similar praise for Britain's steadily growing economic strength emanates from the International Monetary Fund and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Everyone with the slightest knowledge of the subject, except the Chancellor of the Exchequer, accepts that Britain has never been so prosperous. It was *typically graceless of him to dismiss* the latest report from the WEF, the *organisation on whose findings he* previously relied for his propaganda.

As the *new* Chancellor strides along, head in air, he looks well pleased with himself and the stir he causes. The Governor of the Bank of England, Eddie George, had welcomed Mr Brown's decision to let the Bank fix interest rates and his press conference statement that the Bank would be consulted before any change in its supervisory and regulatory powers. This promise was repeated privately to Mr George. He was understandably upset when Mr Brown publicly broke it. Unwisely he hinted that, briefly, he contemplated resignation. The Brown camp jubilantly bruited abroad that here was a chance not to renew Mr George's appointment next year and to choose a *more pliant Governor. The threat* has enraged many in the City and *blown up Labour's carefully nurtured* business-friendliness.

In his Budget, however, Mr Brown could redeem himself by boldly ending mortgage tax relief. It would infuriate the middle classes, so ardently wooed. But it would end a social injustice whereby one third of the nation is subsidised by the other two thirds, who include the poorest.

The new Government boasts its decisions were painstakingly prepared for years. But they have the air of frantic rushing about to demonstrate a new beginning of energy and purpose, without a coherent plan.

In Northern Ireland, allowing Sinn Fein to meet Government officials will merely engender suspicions among the majority determined to remain British. It should be apparent *to all that the IRA will never give up* their arms or cease violence. They *need both for their protection rackets* and drug smuggling. The money this brings buys ever more sophisticated weapons. Naturally the Loyalists will retaliate. Nothing will improve until the known leaders are permanently interned and their followers ruthlessly hunted down, and to hell with the European courts.

Mr Blair was wise to consult Lady Thatcher on Europe. I hope he will continue to do so. Our European policy should be a cross-party affair. There are sharp divisions within Labour and the Tories, but our European partners are in disarray. The resignation of the French Prime Minister, announced in advance of the second round of elections, suggests that the single currency is dead in France. Chancellor Kohl now looks *increasingly isolated and old-fashioned*. On BSE Mr Blair will have no *better luck than John Major*. The Continent is awash with unreported cases and the bodies are buried. BSE increases daily on the mainland as it ebbs away in Britain, but our EU partners, *out of anti-British hostility*, will continue to pretend otherwise despite the *scientific evidence*.

There are some good things about the *Blairites. They may be more* efficient in dealing with juvenile criminals speedily; *they will have less* obstruction from the civil rights brigade. They are *better placed* for two or three years to prevent increases in nurses' pay and that of auxiliary hospital workers. The indications are that the minimum wage *is* likely in practice to lead to no large pay increases. That is encouraging.

The awfulness of new Labour is its puritan priggishness. The ban on cigarette advertising and sport sponsorship is Clinton-style interference with civil liberty. It will badly dent our new excellence in many fields, including cricket, among whose stars is the chain-smoking Australian bowler, Shane Warne. The evidence that having the right genes or *keeping to a* saturated fat-free diet is good protection against heart *disease and cancer* is convincing. The ban on hunting is *based on class envy. Angling causes* extreme pain as the hook grips and again as the fish is lifted, unable to breathe. But there are three million anglers. Mr Blair's principal principle is the pursuit of popularity.

Press barons and Tories decide the Prime Minister is 'one of us' — but does he sup with a long spoon?

Mr Blair's grand new friends

Lord Rothermere, Tony Blair and Baroness Thatcher: the *Daily Mail*'s proprietor and the elder stateswoman find they can do business with a new Labour premier after all

In Alum Bay on the Isle of Wight there is a cliff of coloured sand, pink and purple, yellow and orange. At the top you can buy miniature glass lighthouses filled with layers of this sand: sometimes in *tidy stripes, sometimes artistically* disposed in kinks and whorls of *contrasting colour. But always the* dividing lines are clear and sharp: *only when you get the thing home* will inquisitive small fingers prise out the stopper, spill a bit and shake up the rest into a messy blur.

So it is with politics this spring. Only a few weeks ago there were two fiercely different colours, resistant to mixing. However close the two main parties' policies, their supporters glared across an emotional gulf. The *Daily Mail* excoriated Labour as "stomach-churning" or "serial opportunists". Right-wing commentators warned that a Labour victory would bring in horrors: loss of sovereignty, *collapsing markets, rats gnawing* bin-bags in the street while striking dustmen cavorted at lavish municipal gay and lesbian centres. Meanwhile, their opponents wrote shudderingly from the hustings of the "mean, sour faces" of provincial Tory supporters, mined the thesaurus for variants on "corrupt" and blamed every social evil of the past two decades directly on *"Thatcherism"*.

It may have been a bit of a Punch *and Judy show*, but we were used to it. We knew which uniform to shoot at. Anyone assailed by natural, intelligent doubts could quickly find opponents repulsive enough to drive them back behind the barricades. A Tory I know was cured of wavering by one afternoon at the NUT conference; myself, I found that lunch at the Institute of Economic Affairs (charming though everyone was) caused me to rebound farther to the left than I had ventured since 1969.

Now all is in disarray, the sands *mixed and muddied. Lady Thatcher* pops in on Tony Blair with advice *about foreigners. Lord Rothermere* — who owns the *Mail* titles and who, a *week before the election, told the Financial Times* that Mr Blair would never control "the wild men of the Labour Party" — has shifted his noble backside to the Labour benches. His newspapers need not follow him, he says; not unless their right-wing views "start to affect circulation".

He knows that this could happen. People do not like to be left out of a new trend, and it takes an exceptionally loyal rat to stay aboard the good ship Tory *while it is lurching around* uncommanded with the officers knif*ing one another. Labour is not only in* power but in fashion, and Lord Rothermere's papers are, above all, very stylish. Their readers may insist that they support shiny Mr Blair, with his clean-looking children and his achieving (yet elegant and loyal) wife.

The *Mail* is, after all, obsessed with praising those who are controlled, chic, thin and tidy. Its *greatest damnations are reserved for* the stout, the dishevelled and the *inappropriately dressed: it had trou*ble with Kenneth Clarke, and noisily pilloried Mo Mowlam for getting fat and having bad hair, before she explained about her illness. Mrs Cherie Blair won its heart in one defining moment when she permitted her immaculate shoes to be carried into No 10 in full view of the cameras, stashed in a hanging shoe-tidy. If there is one household object that symbolises *Daily Mail* woman, it is the hanging shoe-tidy: some of us have even come to feel, in an obscure way, *that the revolting heap of* ragged footwear in our own ward*robes is somehow a courageous* liberal statement.

I would *not* knock the *Mail* titles, which have achieved great circulations and a just reputation for expensive, insistent pursuit of stories. But many of those stories bolster a particular set of values: the values of an achieving, tidy, conventional, self-centred urban middle class. The *Mail* has little sympathy for failure and disorder, for single mothers, the "underclass", whingers, scruffs, homosexuals or eccentrics. It hates rude films, installation art, sloppy speech on the BBC and public breast-feeding. It admires marriage but will do warm profiles of serial adulterers *if they are smart enough.*

Libby Purves

At its best, this mind-set reflects the robust, unself*pitying stoicism of an* older, war-hardened generation: at its worst it emanates a sour, stylish spitefulness which is entirely modern.

All this has become synonymous with voting Conservative. The power of well-told anecdote has been harnessed to policy: how many times has a Tory minister cited some grisly tale of benefit scrounging or PC craziness straight from the *Mail*?

*Yet that stylish spite and impa*tience with nonconformity could easi*ly transfer to the new masters. There* is already common ground: Jack Straw's *sternness about* beggars, Barbara Follett's suits, Peter Mandelson's lunch policy of mineral water and no pudding. Very new Labour, very *Daily Mail.*

The sands mix, the landscape changes. Apart from the usual Vicars of Bray, there are people now praising Labour who alarm its old adherents. "I do not know if I can feel the same," one friend of Mr Blair has said, "now that Paul Johnson is on his side." Others, more tolerant, promise to stick with Tony until the conversion of, say, Roger Scruton. Or *until Dr Mowlam does a* "me and my shoe-tidy" feature.

These frivolities matter because we are human, and respond to governments not as sets of policies but as people. A government develops an atmosphere, partly derived from its supporters. This may not determine policy but it determines the spirit and tone of it: and the last administration died of an 18-year build-up of bad atmospheres. There were grandee High-Tory attitudes about not listening to hoi-polloi, gently nihilistic ones such as Matthew Parris's memorable "*I am a Conservative because I* honestly believe that *nothing* can be done". There was Big Bang greed, and there was a prim intolerance courted by Margaret Thatcher with her Grantham reminiscences and provided with anecdotal ammunition by the *Mail*. It reflected a nervous, angry middle class which so feared the feckless poor that it became too agitated ever to think constructively about ways to help them. Provincial middle England said: "I could never vote Labour, they would give our *hard-earned money to dirty* scroungers".

It was to this group that Frank Field was appealing when he said that his idea of welfare is to make prosperous people so happy and secure that they want to share these blessings.

All these emotions are still highly volatile. Labour could indeed change the allegiance of the *Mail* newspapers: on the other hand, it is equally likely that strong *Mail*-ish support could give Labour a new, bright hardness of approach. If it does, where then can dissident thought and feeling run to?

Perhaps the Tory party will *trek to the high right*, to the upper slopes of Peregrine *Worsthorne, and* devote itself to opposing the Right-but-Repulsive tone of Blair and Mandelson by adopting a Wrong-but-Wromantic cavalier pose: anti-Europe, tailcoat-wearing, all Latin tags and *Brideshead Revisited*. Perhaps Lib-Dems will readopt the style of Liberal conference stalls of the 1970s and make their protest against Lounge Suit Labour with a flurry of sandals and Swampy, hand-woven skirts and recycled prayer-yurts. We shall see, and we shall keep a supply of long spoons handy.

If he has any *sense*, so will Mr Blair.

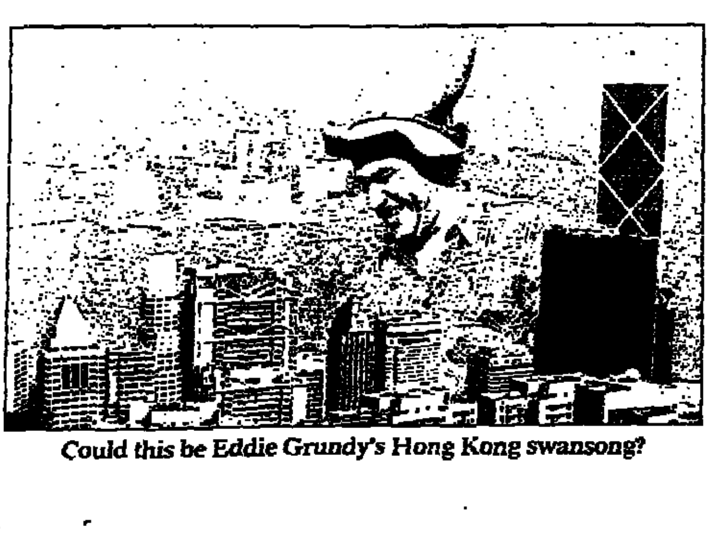
No-hope soap

IN THE air-conditioned skyscrapers of Hong Kong, conversation has turned from high finance to the slumber of rural Borsetshire and the imminent disappearance of *The Archers* from the colony's airwaves.

At midnight on June 30, when the territory returns to Chinese rule, British Forces Broadcasting Service will pack away its microphones in Hong Kong for the last time — which means an end to its daily transmission of the world's longest-running soap series.

In desperation, *Archers* addicts in Hong Kong have set up the Save The Archers Club. "It's just a story, but if people get hooked on the story they stay hooked," says Adele Duncan, the driving force behind the campaign. "We're trying to persuade a local station to buy the series from the BBC. We'd like a station like Radio Television Hong Kong to take it over: that would be the logical home for *The Archers*."

Until the early 1970s, *The Archers* was indeed broadcast by RTHK. But they dropped the programme, deciding that the wily schemes of the Grundys and their ilk were not of interest to Hong Kong audiences. "It no longer fits with the cultural mix," said the station yesterday. Back at the forces broadcasting base in the Prince of Wales barracks, letters demanding a *solution* to the problem are thudding daily on to the doormat.



Could this be Eddie Grundy's Hong Kong swansong?

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Armless army

UP AT Blair Castle in Perthshire, where the fine troopers of Britain's *only private army*, the Atholl Highlanders, *are limbering up for their* first overseas jaunt in decades, events have taken the kind of turn which would cause Captain Mainwaring to blow his bonnet.

The Highlanders leave on Wednesday for South Africa, where their current charge, the 68-year-old 11th Duke of Atholl, lives a quiet life in retirement after inheriting the title unexpectedly last year.

But South Africa has told the ageing warhorses that their drill rifles and ceremonial daggers are dangerous ethnic weapons and must remain behind. "I don't think any of the lads have marched without a rifle, so we'll need to do a wee bit of practice — swinging both arms instead of one," says Sergeant Major Leonard Brailsford, a police constable from Perth.

Their bagpipes, at least, have been declared safe.

● *China teacups clattered among lady spectators at Bexley in Kent yesterday when Ben Hollioake, England's new 19-year-old cricket pin-up, appeared with his brother Adam at a charity tournament in memory of his former team-mate Graham Kersey. "I am trying to keep my head down and think about playing for Surrey tomorrow," said the man who is now turning female heads at every step. "I knew I would do it for England, but some people thought that it was a bit weird for a 19-year-old to be picked."*

Ball belle

THE PARTY of the season is being planned discreetly at Kelvedon Hall in Essex, home of the former Transport Secretary Paul Channon. Invitations have been dispatched to more than 300 guests for the Channon Ball, a July dance to celebrate the wedding of Channon's theatre-producing daughter, Georgia, to the polo-player Antony Fanshawe.

The marriage service, attended by the Duke of Kent and scores of Guinness cousins, was held two months ago in the Channons' local church and was followed by a lavish reception. However, the former Minister has decided to splurge once again for his daughter. Coaches with a champagne service will transport guests from London for dinner followed by dancing and a breakfast of scrambled eggs, smoked salmon and bacon.

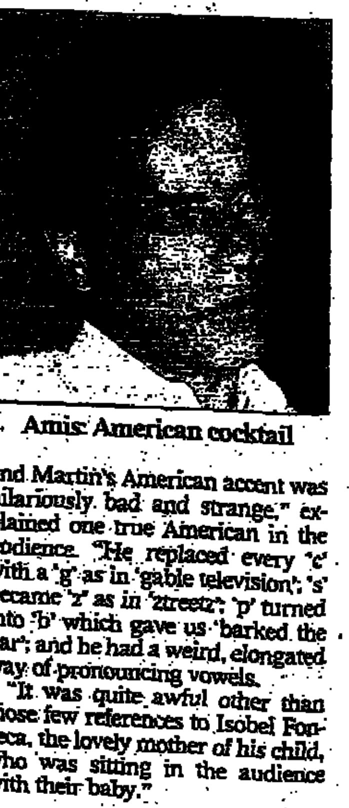
"They've been drowning their sorrows"

Crazy limey

THE REAL jaw-dropper among literary performances at the Hay-on-Wye festival came from Martin Amis at the weekend, when he read a short story he had written entitled *What I did in my Holidays*. He prefaced the event with some gobbledygook about how the story had arrived "whole" in his mind, and explained that it should be read in an American accent for its full ironic impact.

"The story wasn't a story at all and Martin's American accent was hilariously bad and strange," explained one true American in the audience. "He replaced every 'c' with a 'g' as in 'gable television'; 's' became 'z' as *in* 'ztreetz'; 'p' turned into 'b' which gave us 'barked the gar'; and he had a weird, elongated way of pronouncing vowels.

"It was quite *awful other* than those few references to Isobel Fonseca, the lovely mother *of his child*, who was sitting in the audience with their baby."



Amis: American cocktail

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A FIRST ROUND DEFEAT

Even Juppé's resignation may not save his Government

President Chirac always knew that he was taking a gamble in calling a snap parliamentary election. What he and the Paris Bourse did not anticipate was the force of the brutal rebuff French voters gave to his Government. With the Left polling around 40 per cent of the vote, the jubilant Socialists now believe outright victory is within their grasp in the second, decisive round. Alain Juppé, the beleaguered Prime Minister, has offered to fall on his sword, saying that whoever wins next Sunday's round, he intends to resign. And the real winners of the bad-tempered campaign, Jean-Marie Le Pen and the extreme right National Front, are already plotting to mobilise and capture the disaffected abstainers who made up almost a third of the electorate.

The choice for M Chirac is not as easy as M Juppé may suppose. It is perfectly clear that the French public is angry — with the Prime Minister's style, policies, promises and personality. But the architect of the austerity programme that has caused such unpopularity cannot simply be dropped and blamed for the weekend debacle: even the French would balk at such cynicism. Philippe Séguin, the outgoing Speaker of the National Assembly, may be a fatter, more jovial figure. But since his own conversion to the cause of economic and monetary union he could have no other message than that of the hapless M Juppé: France must still make the painful cuts in its bloated social security budget if the country is to have any hope of reflating its economy and cutting unemployment, let alone qualifying for EMU.

M Juppé may have been guilty of governing with just a tiny segment of his huge parliamentary majority and not including such figures as M Séguin or Edouard Balladur. He may also have undermined his own credibility by previous capitulations to lorry drivers, farmers and others who have held the country to ransom. But the real problem is that the Government has been unwilling or unable to counter the attractive but mendacious campaign conducted by the Socialists.

Lionel Jospin is hardly a dynamic figure, but he has insisted his party could, in cohabitation with M Chirac, continue the drive for monetary union while halting the austerity programme and the hated market liberalisation. To most analysts such pretensions are absurd; they would either exacerbate the present economic imbalances or lead to a monetary union so watered down that it was unacceptable to France's proposed partners, especially the Germans. Moreover the likely dependence on communist votes would scupper any hope of continued reforms.

Yet neither M Chirac nor M Juppé has challenged such claims because neither has wanted to draw attention to the real pain France must go through if present policies are to succeed. Meanwhile the National Front, mixing demagoguery with xenophobia, has played on this dilemma to bleed votes from the Government and record the far right's highest postwar parliamentary vote. M Chirac must hope that it will lose most of the 133 seats it will fight in the coming round. He must also hope that his own supporters, having registered a protest, will return to the fold. He may be correct in deciding that a show-down was better now than later; but he will need to show a lot more courage, determination and above all engagement over the next week if the momentum of a protest vote is not to overturn the past two years' attempts to modernise France. Otherwise the Opposition, falsely portraying itself as a reformed Blairite party, will win an astounding upset victory and take the country back to an untenable, unworkable Mitterrand past.

UNBUDGETED AGENDA

Brown should stick to fulfilling his manifesto promises

Britain's taxpayers should brace themselves for a shock when the Chancellor delivers his long-awaited first Budget sometime in the next few weeks. The cause for trepidation is Gordon Brown's little-noticed announcement last Tuesday that he did not accept the assumption of a continuing robust economic recovery built into the Treasury's present financial forecasts. According to the figures used by Kenneth Clarke in his last Budget, the British economy is expected to grow at an average rate of less than 2 per cent in the 1990s. This compares with an average of 2.25 per cent in each of the previous two decades and 2.8 per cent from 1950 to 1969.

For Mr Brown to suggest, as he did last week, that the Treasury's growth assumptions for the years ahead are too high sends a depressing message to anyone running a business or hoping to find a job. His pessimism also suggests that his faith in the economic revolution of the 1980s is not even skin-deep. But worst of all, his gloomy assumptions could imply a dramatic increase in taxes. This could not only damage the bond of trust Mr Blair hoped to forge with the British people. It could also do serious damage to the economy — and thereby turn Mr Brown's gloom about Britain into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

What could be his motivation for downgrading the Budget growth assumptions? Perhaps the new Chancellor genuinely believes, along with Tony Benn, Arthur Scargill and a few others, that the economy is fundamentally weaker today than it was in the days of national plans and beer and sandwiches at Downing Street. More probably Mr Brown wants to arrange the figures so as to deprive his Tory predecessors of credit for Britain's economic successes in the future. This is an understandable, if not an honourable, political motive. The Chancellor may, however, have two other more disquieting motives.

He may want to find an excuse to announce higher taxes now in order to finance over-runs in public spending which he knows will be inevitable in the future. A reduction of half a percentage point per year in the Treasury's projections for economic growth could increase the expected budget deficit by roughly £15 billion — or 7p on the standard rate of tax — at the end of the current Parliament. Raising taxes to pay for public services might be acceptable if Mr Brown were to state that the Tory public spending targets were too tight and that Labour interpreted its huge majority as a mandate to improve public services. But for him to claim that taxes are rising because of a mythical "black hole" in the public finances, while he intends to pour more money into public spending, is dishonest and should be seen as a breach of trust.

It could be, alternatively, that the Chancellor simply wants to raise taxes and slow down the economy as quickly as he can after the election in order to ensure that all the economic trends are again pointing upwards when the Government has to face the voters in four or five years. It could be that his decision to hand monetary responsibility to the Bank of England was merely a diversion and that now he will use taxes instead of interest rates to manipulate the economic cycle to Labour's advantage.

If this is what he intends, he should forget it. The British people have shown repeatedly that they are not taken in for long by politicians who try to manipulate the economy to their advantage. In preparing his Budget Mr Brown should concentrate on fulfilling his manifesto promises by keeping taxes as low as possible and creating the conditions of rapid economic growth. The British people know in their bones that the present growth in the economy is sustainable and healthy. Mr Brown will not be easily forgiven if he destroys this optimism.

BRUTAL YARDSTICK

The fashion industry sends the wrong message to teenage girls

"You can never be too thin or too rich." That Eighties mantra still seems to whirl around the heads of teenage girls. This is no normal mixture of narcissism and materialism, two vices that are probably as old as mankind. It is a peculiar form of narcissism that equates skinniness with beauty.

So the news that aerobics have no impact on the fitness of pre-pubescent girls may well be worrying to their parents. If all the activity does is to burn off calories without even having the beneficial effect of making the children healthier, it may soon be classed alongside compulsive dieting as one of the demons that can haunt young girls.

Why are female teenagers much more likely to believe that they are overweight than their male counterparts? It cannot surely be that girls of that age are naturally fatter. No, the problem is the yardstick by which they judge themselves — and it looks more like a stick than a shapely young woman. A boy has to be obese before he thinks of himself as overweight. A girl merely has to be average, and she will be a stone or two heavier than the role models who grace the pages of her favourite magazines.

Yet when magazine editors are tackled about the question of skinny models, they often hide behind the issue of health. Asked recently why *American Vogue* used such thin girls for its fashion shoots, its editor, Anna Wintour, answered with a lecture about the perils of obesity — as if there were no normal, healthy bodyweight in between thin and obese.

It is this juxtaposition of extremes — if you are not skinny, you are fat — that holds teenage girls in thrall and leads to eating disorders and obsessive exercise. One of the characteristics of anorexics and bulimics is that they still believe that they are "fat" even when they look like a Rwandan refugee. Although there are a few cases of anorexia in boys, they are far rarer, possibly because the "ideal" shape for a teenage boy, as portrayed in advertisements and magazines, is an achievable shape for most. The corresponding female "ideal" is one which most girls cannot match, however much they diet. Fasting cannot narrow the width of the hipbones.

Although girls are doing better at school now than boys and although, we are told, the future of work is female, young women are still caught up in this tyranny of unachievable "beauty". By their educational performance, adolescent girls ought to have higher self-esteem than boys. That they do not must at least partly be the fault of the older women who fashion images which daily make many teenage girls feel inadequate.

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'Think again' on millennium show

From Mr Bevis Hillier

Sir, On March 28, 1989, you published a letter from me under the heading "Celebrating 2000". In it I suggested three things:

that preparations should begin at once for a British exhibition or festival to mark the millennium;

that, like the Great Exhibition of 1851 and unlike the 1951 Festival of Britain, it should have an international, rather than narrowly national, scope;

that "an all-party planning committee should be set up now by the Government, so that fully ten years can be given to preparations".

In its wisdom, the Conservative Government ignored all these suggestions.

No serious attempt even to begin preparing a festival/exhibition was made until 1994. There was endless dithering. No one with any experience of organising major exhibitions was ever put in charge. A stretch of poisoned ground in Greenwich was selected as the site. A parody of the 1951 Dome of Discovery, unaffectionately nicknamed "the dustbin-lid", was designed as the main attraction.

No real attempt was made to get the Labour Party on board, though a token Labour member was appointed to the Millennium Commission. Far from being international in scope, the show was to be, it seemed, a very British, and specifically Tory, piece of triumphalism.

As a result Labour are now reconsidering the whole project, and one can hardly blame them. There is even a rumour that the show might be moved to Birmingham.

There is a chance for a new start. May I make four suggestions this time to those who are now considering what should be done:

The polluted land at Greenwich should be abandoned, also the "dustbin-lid" design;

Birmingham should be ruled out. Tourists do not come to Britain to look at the gaggle of Victorian buildings which the bulldozers have spared in Birmingham. They come to see the Tower of London, Buckingham Palace and the great London museums and galleries.

Festival 2000 should take place in Hyde Park — where both the Great Exhibition of 1851 and the VE-Day celebrations of 1995 were such a success. The budget does not have to be as crippling as the Greenwich one threatened to be. But, bearing in mind that the Crystal Palace went up in just six months in 1851, there is still time to achieve something memorable — perhaps a pavilion which, like the Crystal Palace, could be moved to another site after the festival is over.

A person with experience of organising large exhibitions should be put in charge and should be given by the Heritage Secretary — in view of the urgency of the task now — a large measure of autonomy. Red tape is emphatically not wanted. The pulling out of fingers is.

Yours sincerely,
BEVIS HILLIER,
Garrick Club, 15 Garrick Street, WC2.
May 23.

Drug treatment in jail

From Mr Michael Meakin

Sir, The Government is rightly concerned over the Home Office report that one in five people arrested is on heroin. We see this in our work in prisons, where one in three of the prisoners we treat has used heroin.

Our charity, RAPt, provides intensive drug-treatment programmes to prisoners suffering from chronic drug addiction. Over 50 per cent of those treated have been dependent on drugs or alcohol for more than ten years; over 75 per cent have been in prison at least five times. Each prisoner reports committing on average over £1,000 worth of property crime per week, prior to imprisonment.

We break this cycle of drugs, crime, prison and yet more drugs and prison. We provide treatment for the addict at the point where he is a "captive audience", with the opportunity for receiving intensive and sustained treatment over a period of time. This is a very cost-effective way of providing therapy as the residential costs are already being paid for.

Our research on the progress of our "graduates" after release into the community shows a high level of success, with many leading useful lives free from drug misuse and crime. More treatment programmes like ours would reduce addiction and crime.

Yours etc,
MICHAEL MEAKIN (Trustee),
RAPt — Rehabilitation for Addicted Prisoners Trust,
179-181 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
May 20.

President at No 10

From Mr Joe Haines

Sir, William Rees-Mogg (article, May 26) is wrong to think that no American President has ever attended a Cabinet of a foreign power. Richard Nixon did so when he met Harold Wilson's Cabinet in February 1969.

Yours faithfully,
JOE HAINES,
1 South Frith,
London Road, Southborough,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.
May 26.

Advertising of brands and smoking

From the Director-General of the Advertising Association

Sir, The Chief Executive of the Association for Public Health (letter, May 20; see also letters, May 21) disputes the view that cigarette advertising is aimed at promoting brand names rather than encouraging people to take up smoking.

Cigarette advertisements consist of two parts: the first accounts for 80 per cent of the space and is devoted to a brand message. It is this space that tobacco manufacturers use to compete with each other for smokers' attention, often in a way which is impenetrable to many non-smokers.

Indeed it is often only the presence of the statutory health warning that indicates that this is an advertisement for a cigarette brand. But it is the presence of this warning, which now must account for 20 per cent of the overall space, that provides a generic tobacco content to the advertisement, albeit for not smoking rather than the converse.

These warnings have been appearing since the early 1970s and independent evidence suggests that they have helped constrain demand while allowing manufacturers to compete for share.

In this emotion-riddled debate it is important to remember that the UK has been operating one of the most effective anti-smoking policies in the world for more than 25 years, irrespective of the complexion of government.

Smoking in the UK has declined by more than 40 per cent during this time — significantly ahead of those countries which have introduced advertising bans — and it continues to do so.

It would be ironic if well intentioned but simplistic action caused this trend to falter.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW BROWN,
Director-General,
The Advertising Association,
Abford House, 15 Wilton Road, SW1.
May 21.

From the Director of Forest

Sir, A ban on tobacco advertising is an attack on the rights of adult consumers to obtain information about tobacco products they can legally purchase.

New developments, such as reductions in tar levels and filter improvement, are being superseded by the development of the "smokeless" cigarette, which gives off 90 per cent less tobacco smoke, thereby addressing the main complaint of the anti-smokers.

Without advertising how would adult consumers receive information about these changes? Why should manufacturers even bother to research and develop new products if they cannot inform their customers?

Banning tobacco advertising will reduce the incentive for manufacturers to invest money in product research and development, consolidate their existing market shares as no new competitors will be able to enter the market, and remove the prospect of further choice for consumers. So, who will be the real beneficiaries of a tobacco advertising ban?

Yours faithfully,
MARJORIE NICHOLSON,
Director, FOREST
(Promoting equal rights for smokers),
2 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
May 23.

From the Chairman of the Wills Hall Association

Sir, Mrs Janet Fitch (letter, May 21) can be reassured that former residents of Wills Hall at the University of Bristol who are members of this association certainly recognise the contribution of the Wills family to their educational wellbeing. Our annual reunion culminates with a service held in the chapel given by Dame Monica Wills in memory of her two brothers, George Alfred Wills and Herbert Henry Wills.

Other buildings in the university also commemorate the generosity of the Wills family. It is doubtful whether, earlier in this century and engaged in a legitimate business, they could have predicted the censoriousness of the current debate. (I write as a non-smoker.) At the time the family saw a need and responded to it, and we remain in their debt.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID G. PRICE,
Chairman,
Wills Hall Association
(University of Bristol),
339 Desborough Avenue,
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.
May 21.

From Mr J. V. Carter

Sir, Mr Frank Dobson tells us that 120,000 deaths are caused by smoking each year, which is one fifth of the death rate. Other reports tell us that the number of smokers in the UK population has fallen to 30 per cent. Furthermore, among the over-60 age group, more than 50 per cent have smoked in the past.

The only sure statistic is that the death rate is 100 per cent. So, if only one fifth of annual deaths can be attributed to a habit enjoyed by one third of the whole population and at some stage by over half of its older members, is not smoking contributing less than its fair share to the death rate?

Yours faithfully,
J. V. CARTER,
1 Ruscote, Cross Oak Road,
Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.
May 20.

The loyal oath

From Mr David Prockter

Sir, Writing of the Sinn Fein MPs' refusal to take the loyal oath, James M. Todd and P. T. Streeter (letters, May 21) suggest that because the MPs were elected as republicans they cannot fairly be asked to swear allegiance to the Queen, and that it is undemocratic to exclude them on the grounds of their failure to do so.

Scottish, Welsh and Irish nationalists of course have a right to work for self-determination. But, in common with anyone else seeking constitutional change in any country, they must observe the constitutional status quo until their proposed change is accepted.

Since the Queen is now both servant and symbol of the State, the swearing of the loyal oath is no longer a vow to defend the monarch's personal supremacy in times of feudal strife; it is a commitment to uphold the unwritten constitution that the office embodies.

Are your correspondents arguing that because individual MPs are democratically elected by local constituents they are under no obligation to observe the constitutional rules sanctioned by national consensus? That sounds to me like a recipe for anarchy.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID PROCKTER,
36 London Road,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.
May 22.

'New Deal' for jobless

From Mr Mark Corney

Sir, Andrew Smith, the Minister responsible for the "New Deal" jobs scheme for unemployed 18 to 24-year-olds, has explained that "it's very important that the whole programme is carefully constructed, with a thorough-going concern for quality" (report, Business, May 21).

The emphasis on quality is very welcome, since with fewer than 200,000 18 to 24-year-olds out of work for six months or more, the programme will cater for the least employable in the youth labour market and the most disaffected in society. Nevertheless, the history of special employment measures in the UK suggests that it takes two years at least to reach acceptable quality levels.

Labour has always stated that young people must join a job or training programme or lose their benefit. But the threat of losing benefit combined with the availability of low-quality schemes will result in social exclusion. Only if young people fail to participate when the quality of the New Deal is high should the Minister consider removing benefits from young people.

Yours sincerely,
MARK CORNEY (Director),
MC Consultancy,
Osborne House,
3-5 Portland Road, Hythe, Kent.
May 21.

Homoeopathy cuts

From Dr Peter Fisher

Sir, Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority has decided to block NHS referrals for homoeopathic treatment at The Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital (report, May 22), although it intends to continue funding for some other complementary therapies. This decision is based on a series of misapprehensions.

This hospital, despite its name, provides a range of "complementary" therapies. We have services for cancer care, rheumatism, back pain, stress, women's and children's problems, among others, each combining an integrated range of therapies appropriate to the clinical problems. These include acupuncture, manipulation, nutritional therapy as well as homoeopathy and others, all provided by statutorily registered healthcare professionals. Yet all referrals have been blocked.

It is not true to say that homoeopathy is unsupported by scientific evidence: independent reviews of the clinical-trial evidence consistently support its efficacy. The most recent review, conducted by an expert group supported by the European Commission, identified 184 clinical trials of homoeopathy and came to a clearly positive conclusion.

Meanwhile patients and their GPs are voting with their feet: sales of homoeopathic medicines are rising at 15 per cent annually, and GP fundholder referrals to this hospital rose 27 per cent last year.

NHS purchasing should be based on evidence and patient demand, not, as seems to be the case here, on a "we don't understand how it works, therefore it doesn't work" argument.

Yours faithfully,
PETER FISHER
(Director of Research),
The Royal London Homoeopathic
Hospital NHS Trust,
Great Ormond Street, WC1.
May 22.

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Copyright as the foe of creativity

From Mr Philip W. Plumb

Sir, Richard Morrison (article, Arts, May 17) is right to excoriate the extension of copyright from 50 years after the death of the author to 70 years. He is also to be supported in his comments that rights owners are increasingly using copyright to hamper creativity in literature and the arts rather than foster it.

Unfortunately, in the extensive discussions and negotiations on copyright matters it is the might (and wealth) of the publishers, broadcasters and other vested interests which swamp the proceedings to the detriment of the interests of the public. Only the library, archives and information community, from the slender resources of its associations, and the British Library speak up for the rights of the reader, viewer and listener.

Here is where the new Government can show its commitment to the freedom of information by ensuring that citizens' rights are given equal consideration with the rights of authors.

Mr Morrison says it is too late now to do anything about it, but is it? Why cannot copyright law be altered back to the 50-year period?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP W. PLUMB
(President, Library Association, 1992;
Chair, Joint Consultative Committee
Working Party on Copyright),
52 High Street,
Buntingford, Hertfordshire.
May 20.

A fine stage composer

From Mr Steve Race

Sir, Your reporter Robin Young writes (earlier editions, May 21): "The composer who has spun vast wealth from reinventing some of the under-appreciated melodies of Haydn, Handel, Purcell, Fauré and Puccini, last night worked a similar miracle . . ."

Many of us in the musical profession are sick and tired of snide comments in the media about Andrew Lloyd Webber. He is neither Sondheim nor Gershwin, but he is a fine stage composer in the tradition of Lehar, Romberg, Friml and — yes — Ivor Novello: a true theatre man, whose work delights millions of music lovers worldwide.

His one crime is to have made a vast amount of money for himself, for the arts and for Britain. Unforgivable!

Yours faithfully,
STEVE RACE,
Westcott,
Martins End Lane,
Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.
May 21.

'Cross of St Patrick'

From Major John FitzGerald

Sir, I have to declare a partial proprietary interest in the fate of the Union Flag (letters, May 21).

That part of the flag, so sadly misnamed St Patrick's cross — the old boy was so busy chasing snakes that he clean forgot to get himself martyred and thus earn himself a cross — is the Geraldine saltire which was borne on Kildare and Desmond shields from the late 1300s until those families stopped rebelling against the English kings and quarrelling.

A Duke of Leinster in the 18th century allowed The St Patrick's Society to use the saltire in its badge, which is probably why the English, looking for something suitable to complete the Union Flag in 1801, nicked our saltire and mislabelled it.

If the Union Jack is to be re-cast, then can we please have our cross back, Mister?

Yours etc,
JOHN FitzGERALD,
68 Heworth Village, York.
May 21.

Just deserts

From Mr Alan Millard

Sir, Universities cannot be compared to organisations which have a legal duty to provide what they promise ("If I don't get a degree, I'll sue", The Good University Guide, May 20). A degree, like eternal life, has to be earned. Students who fail to earn their degrees have as much right to sue their universities as I might have if, after a profligate but unrepentant life, I decide to sue Saint Peter for closing the gates.

Yours sincerely,
ALAN MILLARD,
8 Medina Court,
Marine Parade West,
Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire.
May 20.

Images of self

From Mr Derrick Watson

Sir, My wife, a lecturer at a "new" university, is required to complete a self-assessment form as part of her annual appraisal. With a view to advancing her career, I wonder how she should answer the following question: "How effective do your consider the learning strategies that you are in terms of motivating your students" (*sic* — no question mark).

Yours faithfully,
DERRICK WATSON,
Rose Cottage,
Market Overton, Rutland.
May 20.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 26: Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex (Major-General Sir Philip Ward) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of Barbados and Lady Husbands and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of The Queen.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 26: The Prince of Wales this morning attended a Service in Canterbury Cathedral to celebrate the One Thousand Four Hundredth Anniversary of the Mission of St Augustine to England and the Foundation of the Cathedral and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Kent (the Lord Kingsdown KG).

His Royal Highness afterwards attended a Luncheon in celebration of the Anniversary.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 26: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, arrived at Narita Airport, Tokyo, this morning and was received by Her Majesty'a Ambassador to Japan (His Excellency Sir David Wright).

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will be present at a reception given by the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association at St James's Palace at 4.30.

The Prince of Wales will re-open the Priory, Tetbury, Gloucestershire at 10.05.

The Princess Royal, will open the SPAR International Conference, Gleneagles Hotel, Perthshire at 9.00am; as Patron, the National Autistic Society, will open Struan House School's cottage, 25 Alexandra Drive, Alloa, Clackmannanshire, at 11.15; as President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Remploy, Alloa Road, Causewayhead, Stirling, at 12.30; and as Patron, the Butler Trust, will visit Cornton Vale Female Prison, Stirling at 2.00.

Princess Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Princess Margaret of Hesse and the Rhine will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at 4.00pm on Friday, June 20, 1997. All are welcome, and those wishing to attend are requested to apply for tickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 20, 1 Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from June 11.

Birthdays today

Dr Eric Anderson, Rector, Lincoln College, Oxford, 61; Mrs Irene Andrews, Headmistress, Rickmansworth Masonic School, 55; the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, Bishop of Coventry, 67; Admiral of the Fleet Sir Benjamin Bathurst, 61; Mr Jeffrey Bernard, writer, 65; Miss Cilla Black, singer and broadcaster, 54; Viscount Boyne, 32; Miss Bryony Brind, ballerina, 37.

Earl Cairns, 58; Mr Pat Cash, tennis player, 32; Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, 66; Mr Lewis Collins, actor, 51; Lord Erroll of Hale, 83; Mr Roger Freeman, former Chancellor of the Duchy of Cornwall, 55; Mr Paul Gascoigne, footballer, 30; Mr Duncan Goodhew, swimmer, 40; Miss Patricia Gould, former matron-in-chief, QARNNS, 73; Mr Norman Griggs, a vice-president, Building Societies Association, 81.

Lord Holme of Cheltenham, 61; Dr Henry Kissinger, KCMG, former American Secretary of State, 74; Mr Christopher Lee, actor, 75; the Duke of Leinster, 83; Sir John Moberly, diplomat, 72; Miss Thea Musgrave, composer, 69; Mr Patrick O'Ferrall, chairman, Lloyd's Register, 63; Mr Gerald Ronson, chief executive, Heron International, 58; Miss Florence Sharples, former executive director, YWCA, 66; Mr Sam Snead, golfer, 85; Sir Ross Stainton, former chairman, BOAC, 83; Mr M.G.T. Webster, former chairman, DRG, 77.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Cornelius Vanderbilt, financier, Stapleton, New York, 1794; Amelia Bloomer, campaigner for women's rights, Homer, New York, 1818; Julia Howe, feminist, writer and reformer, New York, 1819; Wild Bill Hickock, US Marshal, Troy Grove, Illinois, 1837; Arnold Bennett, novelist, Hanley, Staffordshire, 1867; Georges Rouault, Expressionist painter, Paris, 1871; Isadora Duncan, dancer, San Francisco, 1877; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Tonbridge, 1887; Dashiell Hammett, detective story writer, 1894; Sir John Cockroft, physicist, Nobel laureate 1951, Todmorden, Yorkshire, 1897; Hubert Humphrey, American Vice-President 1965-69, Wallace, South Dakota, 1911.

DEATHS: Thomas Müntzer, Protestant reformer, executed, Mulhausen, Germany, 1525; John Calvin, Protestant reformer, Geneva, 1564; Niccolo Paganini, composer and violin virtuoso, Nice, 1840; Robert Koch, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1905, Baden-Baden, 1910; Sir Joseph Swan, chemist and physicist, Warlingham, Surrey, 1914; Sir Thomas Blamey, Field Marshal, Melbourne, 1951; Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, first Prime Minister of India 1947-64, New Delhi, 1964.

The Habeas Corpus Act was passed, 1679.

Tsar Peter the Great proclaimed St Petersburg the new Russian capital, 1703.

The Queen Mary sailed on her maiden voyage from Southampton via Cherbourg to New York, 1936.

Retirement

His Honour Judge Butler, QC, has retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit.

MARC ASPLAND

Lieutenant-Colonel John Stephenson, former MCC secretary, takes a close look at some players of the past — part of The Fine Art of Cricket, an exhibition of paintings on show from now until September 6 at Lord's cricket ground, home of the Marylebone Cricket Club, in association with Sotheby's. Some of the paintings are the property of the MCC, others have been loaned by museums and private collections

Royal Marines

The following candidates were declared successful for entry to the Royal Marines and have entered Commando Training Centre Royal Marines, Lympstone:

Direct graduate entry

Second Lieutenant, Royal Marines

G D Alexander, Bedford Modern School, Roehampton Institute of Higher Education
J D Bubb, Dr Challoners Grammar School, Amersham, Nottingham University
J P Cleaver, St Joseph's RC Comprehensive School, Swindon, King Alfred's College of Higher Education, Winchester, Southampton University
K G Cowan, Kelvinside Academy, Glasgow, Glasgow University
S P Edmondson, Sedburgh School, Cumbria, Reading University
S W Garnham, Harwich VI Form, Durham University
A J Gibson, Crypt Grammar School, University College of London
D Hasted, Trent College, Loughborough University
J P Hill, Scarborough College, University of Reading
N P Holyome, University of Toronto, University of Calgary
S N Hyde, Shrewsbury VI Form, University of Manchester
K I Mabbott, Knutsford High School, Loughborough University
J R Mawson, Royal Grammar School, High Wycombe, Exeter University
F G McKee, Queen Victoria School, Dunblane, Glasgow Caledonian University
J W Moffat, George Heriots School, Edinburgh, Heriot-Watt University
S K Pirie, Ellon Academy, The Robert Gordon University
S J Rule, Merchant Taylors' School, University of Hull

Direct entry

Second Lieutenant, Royal Marines

C J Fomes, Amery Hill Comprehensive, Alton College
C M I Hall, Dulwich College
S C McCulley, Ilfracombe Community College

Archaeology

Hard life for Mary Rose's crew

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE sailors of the Mary Rose led a hard life, ageing their bodies faster than those of their Tudor contemporaries on land. Evidence of stress took time to build up, however, suggesting that the doomed warship's crew were professionals, not recent recruits.

Such social data is usually hard to come by, since naval records for the period are mute on the question: the evidence comes from examining the skeletons of the Mary Rose's crew, which were recovered by maritime archaeologists when the wreck was excavated in the 1980s.

The Mary Rose was Henry VIII's flagship, but sank off Portsmouth on July 19, 1545, with the loss of most of her complement of 415 men. The wreck silted up quickly, allowing excellent preservation of organic materials, including human bones.

Although there was no crew list, a document of 1546 shows that there were 200 mariners, 185 soldiers, and 30 gunners on board. Messrs A.J. Stirland and T. Waldron have analysed their remains, and compared their pathology with that of the late medieval landlocked population buried at St Margaret Fybridgegate in Norwich.

Only the backbones of the two groups were examined, and signs of osteoarthritis resulting from strenuous activity sought. Three other pathological lesions were documented.

Most were more common in the Norwich sample, but the key conclusion was that "they differed much less than would have been expected given the difference in ages of the two groups," the analysts report in the Journal of Archaeological Science. "The majority of men from the Mary Rose were in their late teens or early twenties, evident from age-related changes that suggested we were dealing with young men".

The Norwich sample, on the other hand, were certainly older, with half being mature to old adults. "Thus the fact that the spines of the younger Mary Rose men appear virtually indistinguishable suggests that ageing changes have been accelerated," they say.

Neither genetic nor environmental factors would seem to have been responsible, suggesting that the accelerated ageing of the crew was due to their occupations. "There is no doubt that men aboard the ship would have undertaken a good deal of heavy physical work: the guns weighed up to two tonnes and were operated manually by heaving and hauling on ropes". The low ceilings on the gun deck meant that anybody more than 5ft 7in tall would have worked in a permanently stooped position, which would have increased the load on the spine, something found also in coal-miners working in cramped positions.

Chronic stress over a long period produces joint fatigue, leading to degenerative changes, the report says. "Both posture and mobility were important in these changes: dramatic changes in the lower spines of the Mary Rose crew have been demonstrated in our study".

Since such changes take time to occur, "a matter of months and years rather than days or weeks," their presence suggests that the warship had "a semi-permanent, professional crew, many of whom must have been recruited as adolescents".

Source: Journal of Archaeological Science 24: 329-335.

Latest wills

Donald Arthur **Scott**, of West Wittering, Chichester, West Sussex, left estate valued at £2,662,046 net.

Noel Dudley Tayler **Sutton**, of Bournemouth, Dorset, left estate valued at £1,717,148 net.
He left £200,000 to the RNLI.

Roger John **Thompson**, of Pillerton, Hersey, Warwickshire, left estate valued at £1,867,512 net.

Arthur **Wallace**, of Sherborne Hill, Warwick, left estate valued at £1,584,077 net.

John William **Wooding**, of Eskdaleside, Grosmont, Whitby, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,893,153 net.

Harold Charles **Percival**, chartered surveyor, of Chappel, Colchester, left estate valued at £1,034,001 net.

Lawrence George **Srodzinski**, of Kington, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £1,457,682 net.

Monica Lilian **Waite**, of Wellington, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,243,125 net.

University news

Oxford

The Roche Prize in Laboratory Medicine 1997 has been awarded to Joseph P. de Bono, New College; proxime accesserunt: Houman Ashrafian, St John's College, and Mark S. Duxbury, Lincoln College.

Prizes in Law Moderations

Maxwell Prize for the best overall performance: Soo Chuen Tan, The Queen's College.

Slaughter & May Prizes for the best performance in individual subjects Roman Law: Soo Chuen Tan, The Queen's College; Criminal Law: Soo Chuen Tan, The Queens's College; Constitutional Law: Soo Chuen Tan, The Queen's College; Introduction to Law: Bella Louise Morris, St Catherine's College.

The John Pearce Memorial Prizes in Surgery for 1997 have been awarded to the following:
James Alexander Haeney, Brasenose College; Sadia Naseem Khan, St Edmund Hall; Marisa Danièle Le Masurier, Green College; Mohammad Bagher Malaki Varnamkhasti, The Queen's College; Matthew Benjamin Keeble Shaw, Green College.

The Nuclear Electric Prize in Mathematical Modelling and Numerical Analysis 1996 has been awarded to Peter Kenneth Bell, Lincoln College.

Somerville College

The following elections have been agreed:

To a Beilby Scholarship in PPP: Matthew Stuart Grubb (formerly of the Ridgeway School, Wiltshire).
To a Nuffield Scholarship in Medicine: Mohamed Idroos Fahmy Shariff (Magdalen College School, Oxford).
To a Pope Scholarship in Mod Lang: Neil Alexander Unmack (Eton College).
To a Bull Exhibition in Classics: Kallol Sen (Bolton School (Boys Division), Bolton).
To a Coombs Exhibition in PPE: Helen Rice (Mackworth College, Derby).
To a Nuffield Exhibition in Medicine: Ruth Anne Imrie (Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow).
To a Nuffield Exhibition in Medicine: Françoise Paola Simon (Walthamstow Hall School; Kent)
To a College Prize in Medicine: Zornitza Wubomirova Gorzeva (St Benedict's School, Ealing).

Forthcoming marriages

**Mr P.M. Parsons
and Mrs C.M.D. Pollard**
The marriage will take place shortly between Mr Peter Parsons, of Stocklinch, Somerset, and Mrs Caroline Pollard, of Yeabridge, Somerset, daughter of Lady Thompson, of Silsworth, Northamptonshire.

**Mr M.J. Collett
and Miss M.R. Manes**
The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John Collett, of Long Ashton, North Somerset, and Melissa, eldest daughter of Dr Harvey Manes and Mrs Barbara Manes, of Melville, New York, USA.

**Mr B.M.G. Elkington
and Miss A.L.G. Oakley**
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, youngest son of Professor and Mrs Andrew Elkington, of Crawley, Hampshire, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Oakley, of Epsom, Surrey.

Marriages

**Mr P.D. Morrissey
and Miss J.M. Gregorie**
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 24, 1997, at St Peter's Church, Billingford, Norfolk, of Mr Patrick Morrissey, son of Mr Peter Morrissey and the late Mrs Morrissey, to Miss Jo-Jo Gregorie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Gregorie. The Rev Noel Tewkesbury officiated, assisted by Father Kevin Taggart, OSB.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ella Gregorie, Rosie, Henry and Hugo Morrissey, Isabel Woolgar and Freddie McConnel. Mr Dermot Woolgar was best man.

A reception was held at Billingford Lodge and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

**The Rev A. Wodehouse
and Mrs V. Robinson**
The Rev Armine Wodehouse and Mrs Vera Robinson were married quietly at St Paul's, Knightsbridge, on May 14, by the Right Rev John Satterthwaite.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Simon Lane, Assistant Priest, St Augustine of Canterbury, Whitton: to be Priest-in-charge, The Good Shepherd, Hounslow West (London).
The Rev Nicholas Law, Curate, Haldon Team Ministry: to be Rector, Bere Ferrers w Bere Alston (Exeter).
The Rev Colin Leggate, formerly Honorary Curate, St Luke's, Brislington: to be Assistant Chaplain at Frenchay Hospital (Bristol).
The Rev Gareth Lloyd, Priest-in-charge, Monkwearmouth St Peter: to be Team Vicar, St Peter's in the Monkwearmouth Team Ministry (Durham).
The Rev Angela Milton, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Marshalswick (St Albans): to be Assistant Curate, Stevenage, St Mary, Shephall w Aston (St Albans).
The Rev David Mumford, Vicar, St Anthony, Byker: to be Vicar, St Peter, Cowgate (Newcastle).
The Rev Andrew Pavlibeyi, Priest-in-charge, St Saviour, Eton Road, London NW3: to be Vicar, of that parish (London).
The Rev Anthony Perry, Assistant Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Bartley Green: to be Vicar, St Mary the Virgin, Bearwood (Birmingham).
The Rev Sam Randall, formerly Team Vicar, Bramley Team Ministry (Ripon): to be Diocesan Ecumenical Officer (Durham).

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My dear friends, do not trust every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for there are many false prophets about in the world. 1 John 4 : 1

BIRTHS

BOUGHTON - On 25th May to Elisabeth (née Lang) and Paul, a daughter, Alice Elisabeth Ruth, a sister for Sophie.

LEWIS - On May 22nd 1997, in Manchester to Dr. Anne (née Taylor) and Dr. Matthew, a daughter Madeleine Rose, a sister for Gemma Clare.

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MORGAN - To Hewlan and Juliet (née Evans) a son, Richard Evan, at The Royal Gwent Hospital, Casnewydd on 21st May 1997.

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DEATHS

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BOYD - Wendy Marie, peacefully at her sons home after a long illness, on 23rd May aged 80, beloved wife of Leslie, mother of Stewart and Sue and grandmother of Rachel, Emily, Matthew, Louisa, Joe and Hannah. Funeral at Golders Green Cemetery on Friday 30th May at 12.15am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Marie Curie Hospice, Eden Hall, 11 Lyndhurst Gardens NW3 5NJ.

CHANCE - Joanna Alicia, widow of Donavan Chance, died peacefully at Dalnair House on Friday 23rd May 1997. Funeral at 11:30 am Thursday 29th May at Daldowie Crematorium, Broomhouse, Glasgow. No flowers please.

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EVERINGTON - William Devas aged 95 of Blakeney on May 23rd. Dearest husband of Mary and much loved father of Jill, Bill, Libby and Gay and of his ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. A family burial service will take place at Newton by Castle Acre on Saturday May 31st, 11.30am. An afternoon Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St Nicholas Church, Blakeney 2.30pm.

GORDON - Hildegard Elizabeth died after at long illness Chelsea and Westminster Hospital 22nd May. Mother of Katarina. Private funeral Tuesday 27th May Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel 11.15.

HANCOCK - On 22nd May 1997 Lt. Col. Raymond Michael 'Hank' aged 64. Dearly loved husband of Sue, loving father of Philippa and Elizabeth and grandpa of Little Peter. Service at St Mary's Church, Abbotts Ann on Monday 2nd June at 11am. Family flowers only, donations to REME Benevolent Fund or the RNLI c/o Halcrow & Sons, Bridge Street, Andover.

JENKINS - (née Michell) Pamela Ann on May 22nd suddenly at home. The very much loved wife of A. Philip and mother of Lawrence and grandmother of Edwin and Oliver. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Monday, June 2nd at 11.00am.

LANG - On May 21st at Sutton Veny Nursing Home, Hugh Maurice aged 80 peacefully in his sleep. A much loved man by his family and all who knew him. Funeral at St Augustine's Church, Upton Lovell, Nr. Warminster on Thursday 29th May, 1997 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but any donations to the R.S.P.C.A appreciated.

LLOYD - Dr. G. Marner, of The Old Orchard, Ross-on-Wye, on Thursday 22nd May, aged 87 years. Much loved by wife Jean, son, daughters and grandchildren. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Church, Ross-on-Wye on Friday 30th May at 11am. Followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to the Order of St. John may be sent to William Bevan, Funeral Directors, Old Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye, Hereford HR9 5JG.

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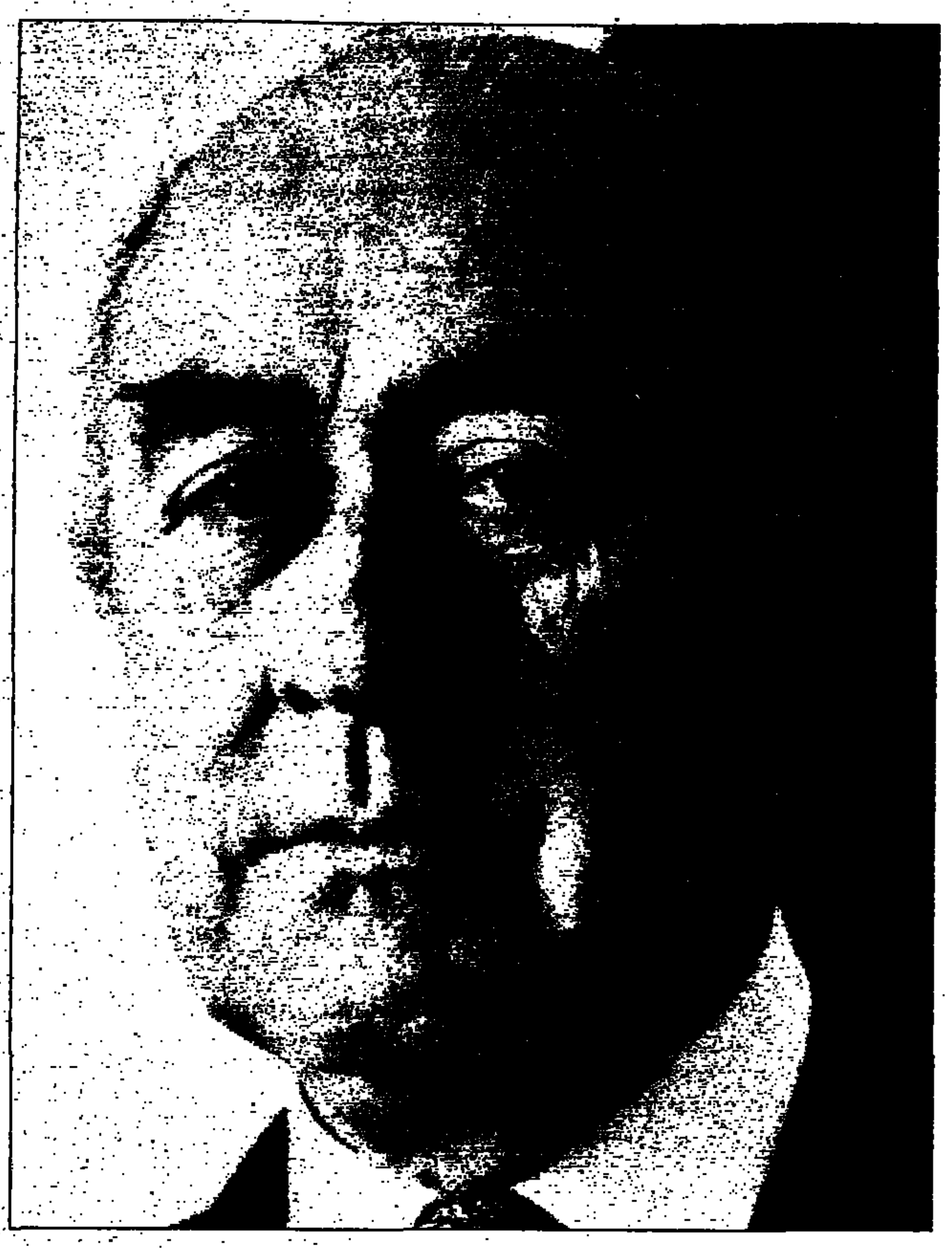

Mervyn Wall, Irish writer and former Secretary of the Irish Arts Council, died in Dublin on May 18 aged 88. He was born there on August 23, 1908.

Mervyn Wall might justly have been described as the elder statesman of Irish letters. He was successively a short story writer, a playwright and a novelist. For almost twenty years he rendered loyal service as secretary of an embattled Irish Arts Council. When in 1969 an exemption from taxation was granted to creative artists resident in the Republic of Ireland, he was the man who decided who qualified as a creative artist.

Born in Dublin, Mervyn Eugene Welply Wall was educated by the Jesuits at their day school Belvedere, where James Joyce had been a pupil twenty years before. George Dempsey was still the English master. Father Campbell, whom Joyce remembered as "Lantern Jaws", was also still there, spraying the front desk of pupils with saliva and biffing boys who misbehaved or failed to remember their Latin verbs.

It remained a bitter memory for Wall, who was a sensitive soul. He spent two teenage years in Germany, as his parents wanted him to be taught music and thought that he had a talent for painting. After school Wall went to University College Dublin as a medical student, before switching to take an arts degree. He was head of the College Dramatic Society.

Wall's father, a qualified barrister who did not practise, was a member of a Catholic organisation with masonic characteristics called The Knights of St Columbanus. Through contacts made there by his father, the young Wall obtained a post in a quasi-official body called the Agricultural Credit Corporation. His debt to the Knights did not prevent Wall from satirising them years later in his novel *No Trophies Raise*.

In 1934 Wall became a civil servant working in Dublin Castle and remained there for 14 years. He did not enjoy it especially, but its cautious and fearful ways entered into his soul. If one were to draw a composite Wall hero, one student of his writing remarked, it would be a middle-aged man with failing powers, an incipient paunch and a poor-paying job of dull drudgery, one of the gentle, unassuming and unsuccessful people who live lives of quiet desperation. This was close to his own self-image.

Work in the Civil Service did not absorb his creative energy. He wrote short stories for magazines such as *Harpers*. Several of his plays were put on in Dublin's Abbey Theatre; the best known, *Alarm Among the Clerks*, is about life in the Civil Service. In 1946 his first novel, a satirical comedy called *The Unfortunate Fursey* appeared. Its central figure Fursey is a lay brother in the medieval monastery of Clonmacnoise, who falls victim to a non-aggression pact between the devil and the clergy and flees to England with a girlfriend.

It was all historical fantasy, but the picture of the devil offering the clergy wealth and immunity from the temptations of sex on condition that they would not lay undue stress on the wickedness of nepotism, drunkenness, perjury and murder had a contemporary echo. A sequel, *The Return of Fursey*, was published in 1948.

In that year Wall departed the Civil Service and became a programme assistant in Radio Eireann. He found this work much more congenial. His novel *Leaves for the Burning* appeared in 1952. It was about four middle-aged men who go on a binge on the way to the poet Yeats's burial and never arrive. It was described as a half-bitter book and portrays an Ireland dominated by Philistines and jobbery. It was translated into Danish and voted the best European novel of the year in Denmark. For all that, neither it nor any of his subsequent work made the same impact as the Fursey books.

In 1957 Wall became secretary of the Arts Council. In the spiteful world of the arts in Dublin this body was inevitably a target for criticism, especially as its authoritarian director, a Jesuit priest, deployed much of its meagre funds indulging his own taste in modern art. Although Wall did not always agree with the council's decision, he had to act as its spokesman. He did so with commendable candour yet with loyalty; one irate critic said he was the "wailing Wall" of a Jesuitical Unionist Arts Council. While there were those who dubbed Wall a stick-in-the-mud bureaucrat, his caution and respect for government probably steered the Arts Council out of trouble on many occasions.

In 1962 he persuaded the Gulbenkian Foundation to fund the arts in Ireland as if it were a Commonwealth country. He masterminded an Arts Council scheme for compassionate grants to artists who had fallen on hard times. And when, in his flamboyant way, Charles Haughey, the Minister for Finance, granted an exemption from tax to creative artists, Wall ensured that the legislation was interpreted liberally when the Revenue privately sought the Arts Council's advice on who should qualify.

The taxmen, who never liked the scheme, thought Wall had opened the floodgates to what one disgruntled critic called "the art nits of Dublin and the art parasites of Europe". But their efforts to cut it back, by such clumsy measures as denying that history or biography could be creative or original work, led to allegations of discrimination, with much rancour and litigation before a more transparent system was established.

The demands of his post at the Arts Council were such that Wall had little time for his own literary work. He did, however, manage a short history of the Forty Foot bathing place near Joyce's tower in Sandycove, where he himself swam in all seasons and where gentlemen and even priests had, until recently, been able to bathe in naked seclusion and safety from women. After his retirement from the Arts Council in 1975 Wall wrote a last novel called *The Hermitage*.

Wall was a kindly, companionable, gossipy man. He was honest and fair in his assessments of other writers and self-effacing about his own contribution. He had considerable comic and satirical gifts, but he was perhaps too considerate and too cautious to give them full rein. His criticism of Irish society was the quiet grumble of the disgruntled bureaucrat and, as such, much more muted and less strident than that of other contemporary Irish writers.

In 1950 he married Fanny Feehan, a music critic, who predeceased him by a few months. He is survived by a son and three daughters.

BRIAN WALSH-ATKINS

Brian Walsh-Atkins, CMG, CVO, former diplomat and General Secretary of the Abbeyfield Society, died on April 28 aged 82. He was born on March 15, 1915.

AFTER retiring early from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Brian Walsh-Atkins used his experience as a senior diplomat to pilot the Abbeyfield Society through a critical period in its history. As its general secretary for nearly five years in the early 1970s, then as a consultant and eventually as vice-chairman, he saw the number of the society's homes for the elderly double from 500 to 1,000.

Through skilful lobbying in Whitehall he helped to win registration for the society as a housing association and thus to make it eligible for capital grants under the 1974 Housing Act — an achievement worth millions of pounds over the next 20 years or so. Another triumph of his was to secure for those Abbeyfield residents who were eligible the right to full supplementary benefit — thus providing them with some financial comfort. Abbeyfield was the only organisation specifically so designated under the benefit regulations.

But he is remembered most of all by the society as the moving spirit behind *The Lights are Green*, a seminal report which led to changes in its infrastructure and drew up a far-sighted prospectus for the society's future. After retiring as general secretary, he went on to become not only one of Abbeyfield's elder statesmen but deputy chairman of the Federation of Housing Associations — reflecting his standing among the various residential charities. Despite all this, however, Brian Walsh-Atkins still saw himself primarily as a diplomat.

He had been born Leonard Brian Atkins, the only child of a London actuary who died at the age of 40 when Leonard was only four. His widowed mother then married Geoffrey Walsh of the colonial service, who was an exemplary stepfather, bringing up the boy as his own son; when he was 21 Brian incorporated the name of Walsh into his own surname as a tribute.

By this time he was standing on the threshold of his career. After winning a scholarship to Charterhouse, where he became head boy and played hockey for the school, he won a second scholarship to Hertford College, Oxford, to read Greats.

After sitting the Civil Service entrance exam and coming nearly top of his year, he worked in the India Office until the Second World War. He was then commissioned into the Fleet Air Arm as a navigator.

He nearly lost his life during the Allied landings in North Africa, when the Vichy French opened fire on his aircraft, wounding both the pilot and himself. They managed to land and were taken to a military hospital three days before it was captured by the Americans — who then had the two men stretchered back to Britain.

Walsh-Atkins, who was mentioned in dispatches, spent the rest of the war on the Atlantic convoys, commanding the aircraft in an armed merchant vessel with an improvised flight deck.

Demobilised in 1945 as a lieutenant-commander, he returned to Whitehall and worked in the Burma Office for two years, then in the Commonwealth Relations Office. After serving as counsellor in Dublin, 1953-57, he suffered a prolonged spell of ill-health. Returning to his desk, he ran the establishment department, in charge of administration and personnel, before being posted to Pakistan as Deputy High Commissioner in 1959. His appointment as CVO followed a state visit by the Queen during his time there, which lasted until 1961.

He spent most of the 1960s in Whitehall, dealing with economics and defence matters among others, while travelling extensively to East Africa, Australia, Thailand and elsewhere. In 1967 he was seconded to the Civil Selection Board, in charge of the overseas section, before retiring in 1970 as an assistant under-secretary in what had become by this time the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Brian Walsh-Atkins was a clever, extremely able administrator with a gift for writing crisp, clear prose. He had a short fuse which made him a formidable colleague for those whose standards did not match his own. But he was also a lively conversationalist with a sharp sense of humour.

He was an accomplished pianist with a deep love of music — including Gilbert and Sullivan. But his chief recreation was sailing. He kept a boat on the Blackwater estuary in Essex and frequently crossed the North Sea in it to Holland. A founder member of the Civil Service Sailing Association, he personally designed the association's burgee, which shows an anchor fouled by red tape.

After his first marriage was dissolved, Brian Walsh-Atkins married in 1969 Margaret Lady Runcorn, widow of the Conservative life peer Lord Runcorn, who had sat in the Commons as Dennis Vosper. He is survived by her and by three sons from his first marriage.

GERALDINE LACK

Geraldine Lack, CBE, Headmistress of Rosebery School, Epsom, 1946-69, died on May 9 aged 94. She was born on April 3, 1903.

GERALDINE LACK, in her 23 years as Headmistress of Rosebery School, became a household name in Surrey, and was nationally famous wherever educators met. Her influence flowed from the fact that she was "a quite exceptional headmistress and an exceptionally endearing person," as Lord Redcliffe-Maud put it after she had worked with him as the only woman member of the 1966-69 Royal Commission on Local Government in England.

In the sphere of education she became known for her original and innovative ideas both on the role of the sixth form and on the proper nature of general studies. This was why the Ministry of Education gave Rosebery a substantial grant to create a new sixth form block, where her ideas could be put into practice, and from which before long they spread across the whole country.

She insisted that the opening of pupils' minds, the widening of their intellectual horizons and the enriching of their values and tastes were of far greater importance than amassing A-level results — a message which has been fatally lost to education over the past twenty years.

Geraldine Olive Lack, usually known as Gerry, was born in Chow Kia-Kow, Central China, of Australian missionary parents who had miraculously survived the Boxer Rebellion. Her parents were poor but intelligent, resourceful, and well educated; her upbringing gave her a tough mind, a fund of detailed biblical knowledge, confidence that things would "work out all right", a strong religious feeling but no Church commitment.

Educated until she was 17 in mission stations in Honan, and at a boarding school on the coast, which involved three-to-five-day journeys during the civil war, she taught for two years in China before going to Sydney University for her MA (in English) and a Dip Ed.

From Sydney she went to Europe, where she taught at Leeds Girls' High School and travelled widely. A brief return to Sydney in 1938 preceded her becoming head of the English Department at Nottingham High School in 1939 and Headmistress of Portsmouth Northern School during the war. She moved to Rosebery in 1946.

There she quickly made a name for herself, enlarging the school, establishing with the help of ministry architects and inspectors the new sixth form block, which soon became a place of pilgrimage for anyone interested in the sixth form curriculum and general studies. And, because her ideas were not only original and progressive but successful, she herself was soon in demand for more public work: the Redcliffe-Maud Local Government Commission, the General Studies Committee of the Schools' Council, the Commonwealth Education Conference of 1964 and the Schools Committee of ITV.

She also lectured in Britain and overseas, the latter activity continuing under the auspices of the British Council well after her retirement in 1969. She eventually returned to settle in Sydney in the late 1970s. She had been appointed CBE for her services to education in 1968.

Geraldine Lack's three most striking characteristics were her natural, smiling cheerfulness, the rapidity of her conversation and the fertility of her ideas. She was a whirlwind of invigorating and refreshing vitality. Her conversation ranged from the flippant to the philosophical. Her reading was phenomenal and omnivorous: she was as happy discussing Karl Popper as Nathalie Sarraute. The range of her other interests was no less remarkable — art (she was a painter as well as a critic); travel (Greece was her favourite country to visit); and gardening (there was never a dead season in her garden and it enchanted her friends as much as herself). Through it all, she found delight in everything good.

She was an educational missionary and pioneer, an academic and a shrewd politician, roles which were all enveloped in good humour and warmth of personality. Her mixture of tolerance, courtesy, infectious enthusiasm, and generosity of spirit made people travel, or ask her to travel, miles to hear her speak.

As a headmistress she had clear objectives, a deep sense of values together with strong principles. She chaired meetings as she drove her car: erratic yet fast, reacting incredibly quickly to obstacles and arriving at a destination which only she regarded as a foregone conclusion.

She remained unmarried.

ON THIS DAY

May 27, 1935

In 1929, Beecham organised six concerts of the music of Delius at which the composer, although paralysed, was present. Eric Fenby, his amanuensis for a number of years and author of Delius as I knew him, *died early this year.*

DELIUS AT REST

BURIAL IN A SURREY CHURCHYARD

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LIMPSFIELD, May 26

Nearly a year after the death in France of Frederick Delius, the Yorkshire-born composer, his body was committed to-day to a last resting place in the quiet churchyard of Limpsfield, in Surrey. Delius for the greater part of his life was an exile, but he died with the wish that he should be buried in English soil and with surroundings such as have been found for him ...

The coffin was brought to Limpsfield from Grez-sur-Loing, near Fontainebleau, yesterday by Mr. Eric Fenby, the companion to whom the composer dictated much of his music. Mrs. Delius had left for England on Thursday to be present at the re-burial, but severe illness prevented her attendance today.

The service in the centuries old church was brief and simple. The rector read passages from the Burial Service, and a Lesson taken from the Second Epistle to the Corinthians. The congregation joined in the Lord's Prayer, and this was followed by Collects. The orchestra, comprising strings, wood, wind and harp, then played "Summer Night on the River," the serenade from "Hassan," an elegy with violoncello solo and "On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring." Sir Thomas Beecham conducted three of the numbers, and Mr. Paul Beard the elegy.

When the musicians had made their tribute the congregation passed out of the church to the graveside and stood in silence while the rector recited the committal sentences. Crumbled earth was dropped on the coffin, and then Sir Thomas Beecham walked to the head of the grave and spoke of the character of Delius and his place in the future of music. "We are here to-day," he said, "to bid farewell to the mortal remains of Frederick Delius, a great Englishman and a famous man. It was his wish to be buried in the soil of his native country and in a village churchyard such as this" ...

Sir Thomas Beecham went on to supply an answer to the question why Delius, a wanderer, and almost an exile, had come back in death to the land of his birth. The England we lived in to-day, he said, was by no means the England into which Delius was born some 75 years ago. That England provoked the rage of Carlyle, Matthew Arnold, and Ruskin, who preached against the brutality, inhumanity, and insensibility of an age when the country seemed to be given up to the worship of commercial prosperity and to little else. Delius was born in a part particularly odius to men of critical intelligence, the hard, arid, business North of England, and he grew up a rebel. He strove to escape and he did escape.

After speaking of the composer's settlement in France, Sir Thomas referred to the revelation of British character which came with the War when this country "turned its back on the idols of the market place and the counting house and embarked on the greatest adventure in idealism the world had ever known". This, he said, was a revelation to Delius, as it was to the entire world, and it caused him to turn inquiringly towards the shores of his native land ..

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NEWS

Public voice in choice of judges

■ Plans for lay people to help select judges threaten to embroil ministers in a row with the legal establishment over the "politicisation" of the judiciary. *The Times* learnt that the Lord Chancellor's officials are drafting proposals to introduce public scrutiny and accountability into the way judges are chosen and to redress the imbalance of a judiciary dominated by white, middle-class men .... **Page 1**

Embattled Juppé says he will go

■ Alain Juppé, France's embattled and unpopular Prime Minister, said that he would resign whatever the outcome of the parliamentary elections. M Juppé's announcement, a last-ditch attempt to turn the electoral tide before the final ballot on Sunday, came the day after his centre-right coalition suffered a drastic mauling in the first round of voting .... **Pages 1, 12**

Single currency move

Gordon Brown has stepped up his efforts to prepare Britain for a single currency by seizing some of the key preparations from the Bank of England .... **Page 1**

Bank holiday crowds

The warmest Whitsun bank holiday for five years brought out the crowds and the big wheel riders at Bournemouth, where the temperature reached 21C (70F) **Page 1**

Crisis on crime

Robbery, assaults and sexual attacks on women are as high in England and Wales as in the US, according to a survey highlighting their position at the top of the crime league .... **Page 2**

Girl's fear

Josie Russell, the girl left for dead by the killer of her mother and sister is so frightened of going back into hospital for further surgery to treat her injuries that she threatened to run away from home .... **Page 3**

Kick-boxing death

A kick-boxer aged 18 died in hospital after collapsing in the ring at the end of a gruelling fight in front of a large crowd of cheering supporters .... **Page 3**

Cerebral palsy hope

A simple and relatively inexpensive injection promises to enhance life for thousands of children who suffer from cerebral palsy .... **Page 5**

Airport campaign

Campaigners against the proposed £172 million second runway at Manchester Airport said that the next stage of the operation to clear the camps would prove more difficult .... **Page 6**

Captain escapes

The captain of a Royal Navy warship escaped virtually unscathed when a helicopter in which he was a passenger crashed into the sea, killing an Italian warship captain .... **Page 9**

Taleban triumph

Taleban troops poured into the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i-Sharif, flushing out the last pockets of resistance and imposing restrictions on women .... **Page 10**

Bikers' tribute

More than 250,000 motorcyclists, many of them Vietnam veterans, descended on Washington for what is now a tradition of Memorial Day weekend .... **Page 11**

Yeltsin plea

President Yeltsin will seek Britain's support this morning in safeguarding Russia's security when he meets Tony Blair for breakfast before a key Nato summit in Paris .... **Page 13**

Secession claim

Umberto Bossi, leader of Italy's Northern League, claimed an overwhelming "yes" vote in the League's self-styled "referendum" on independence .... **Page 13**

Racing to the North Pole

■ Four British women were battling across shifting ice last night to become the first all-woman team to reach the North Pole. Caroline Hamilton, 32, Pom Oliver, 45, Zoe Hudson, 30, and Lucy Roberts, 27, had just 16 miles to go when they last made contact with base camp but faced melting ice and fog as they raced on the 125-mile last leg of the relay .... **Page 1**

MASAHARU HATANO

Princess Alexandra is saluted as she boards the Royal Yacht Britannia at Tokyo on the way to Hong Kong for the handover: Page 6

BUSINESS

Rich pickings: The Government could raise more than £15 billion over the next five years through a programme of privatisation, according to a new study from a free market think-tank .... **Page 44**

CBI: The confederation has called for business to take a greater hand in the running of the Private Finance Inititiative .... **Page 44**

Flag waving: Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, is in Japan. Philip Bassett looks at the work that faces her on her return .... **Page 42**

Mortgage move: The Institute of Directors has come out in support of scrapping mortgage tax relief in the forthcoming Budget, a policy that will spark protests from the housing lobby .... **Page 44**

SPORT

Football: The Crystal Palace captain, scored the only goal in the final minute of the play-off against Sheffield United to take his club into the Premiership .... **Page 23**

Golf: Ian Woosnam won the Volvo PGA Championship by two strokes from Darren Clarke and Nick Faldo in front of a record crowd at Wentworth .... **Page 23**

Tennis: Greg Rusedski, Britain's No 2, was beaten by Magnus Norman, of Sweden, in the first round of the French Open, losing 9-7 in the final set after coming back from 2-0 down .... **Page 24**

Rugby union: Rob Wainwright, of Scotland, will lead the British Isles in the second match of their tour against Border in the absence of Martin Johnson .... **Page 28**

Grave expression: Flemish artist Jan Fabre brings his chilling imagination to bear in an ambitious exhibition at Bath, Bristol and Cardiff .... **Page 16**

Needle woman: Phoebe Hart, 80, began her career as a painter but is known for her embroidered works and boldly coloured needlepoint hangings .... **Page 16**

Spanish blight: English National Opera revives Jonathan Miller's two-year-old staging of *Carmen*, but instead of improving on it, David Ritch stays depressingly faithful .... **Page 17**

Country cousins: Mark Knopfler and friends, aka the Notting Hillbillies, ended their tour with a show that was as relaxed and good-natured as their name .... **Page 17**

Bratpack: America's liberal approach to child-rearing has spawned a generation of self-centred horrors. Now childcare gurus are urging parents to get tough .... **Page 14**

Unsteady justice: Long hours, heavy caseloads and pressure to socialise has led one in five American lawyers to alcohol or drugs. The Law Society has moved to protect members' health .... **Page 14**

Living dead: India's proud Royal House of Oudh once ruled 5 million people. Now they are impoverished hermits who share a leaking monument with pigeons .... **Page 15**

The DA arrives: In a huge overhaul of the Crown Prosecution Service, there are to be American-style district attorneys .... **Page 33**

Gay parents: A ruling in a "gay adoption" case could herald a change in attitudes .... **Page 35**

Family-friendly: Employers should be adopting the EU's directive on parental leave now, not waiting for legal obligations .... **Page 35**

Apparently the French want neither the Right nor the Left. But the rejection of the Right has been much stronger than the rejection of the Left. The Right can only win now by changing its tone, its faces, its speeches. It must offer a dream
— *Le Figaro*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Were the Cleveland child abuse doctors right all along? *The Death of Childhood* (Channel 4, 9.00pm) **Review:** On the campaign trail with Martin Bell .... **Page 43**

OPINION

First round defeat

Chirac will need to show a lot more courage, determination and above all engagement over the next week if the momentum of a protest vote is not to overturn the attempt to modernise France .... **Page 19**

Unbudgeted agenda

In preparing his Budget Mr Brown should concentrate on fulfilling his manifesto promises by keeping taxes as low as possible .... **Page 19**

Brutal yardstick

The juxtaposition of extremes — if you are not skinny, you are fat — holds teenage girls in thrall and leads to eating disorders and obsessive exercise .... **Page 19**

LIBBY PURVES

The political sands are mixed and muddied. Lady Thatcher pops in on Tony Blair with advice on dealing with foreigners. Lord Rothermere — who owns the *Mail* titles and who told the *Financial Times* that Mr Blair would never control "the wild men of the Labour Party" — has shifted his noble backside on to the Labour benches .... **Page 18**

JOHN REDWOOD

If we sign the draft of the Amsterdam Treaty, we will abolish our country. It is by far the most ambitious document yet to emerge from the Brussels administration. It plans to set up what Kohl has called a "political as well as a monetary" Union. Anyone else would call it a new country .... **Page 18**

WOODROW WYATT

The Economist Intelligence Unit rates Britain's business environment second best in the world. Everyone with the slightest knowledge of the subject, except the Chancellor of the Exchequer, accepts that Britain has never been so prosperous .... **Page 18**

Mervyn Wall, Irish novelist; **Geraldine Lack**, headmistress; **Brian Walsh-Atkins**, diplomat .... **Page 21**

Millennium plans; tobacco advertising; copyright; drug treatment; loyalty oath .... **Page 19**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FASHION
Do you remember shoulderpads? Well, they're back. Iain R. Webb reports

■ ARTS
David Cronenburg argues that Britain is the odd man out over the film *Crash*

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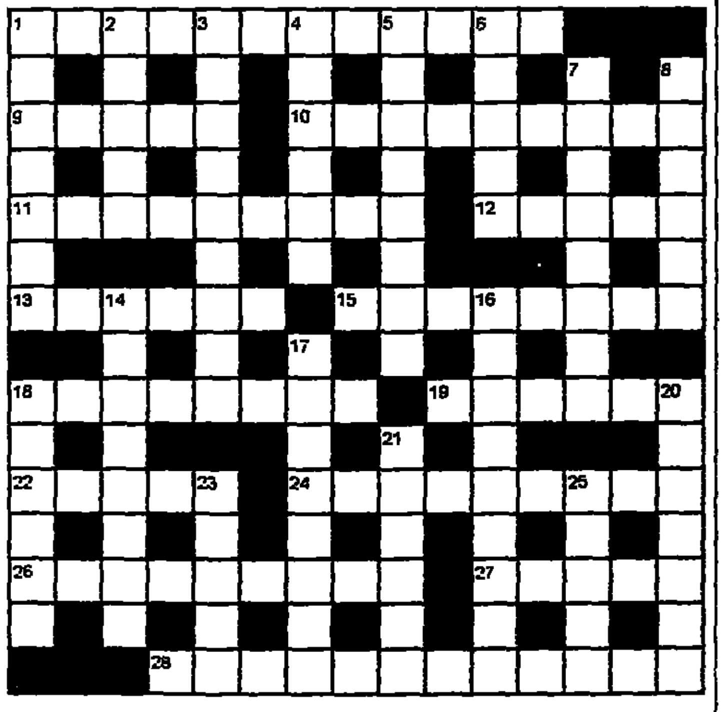

ACROSS

1 *Number one painting* (4-8).
9 Unskilful athlete originally breaks up during training (5).
10 Feeble fellow Liberal introduced with biting satire (9).
11 Players may be speechless in this farcical situation (9).
12 Inclined to associate conservationists with arable land (5).
13 Written evidence producing convictions (6).
15 Shrewd about Italian film's translation (8).
18 US president's first changed troops in base (8).
19 Muggers grabbing upstart's plant (6).
22 Some dire licensee's surviving custom (5).
24 Novel is clear – it is based on authentic experience (9).
26 Like unassigned work? It could be soon cut (9).
27 Bondsman – one thrown into Irish river (5).
28 Influence a firmly established individual employed to deceive (4,1,4,3).

DOWN

1 Err by supplying footwear (7).
2 Discover arms initially carried by the French navy (5).
3 Vessel – right one in which to serve stew (3-6).
4 Go and marry again (6).
5 Smuggler on trial – not the first to finish (6-2).
6 Standard of perfection confounding most ladies (5).
7 Engaged in silly behaviour around lake, or the pond (8).
8 Termly replacement of shrub (6).
14 Tune that's appealing to the ear? (8).
16 Eat with sailor on ship, producing delay (9).
17 Scope for raising fine bird – a red grouse (8).
18 Relatively close European (6).
20 Conceal correct odds in interview (7).
21 State whether it's a mountainous area (6).
23 Shy bear, say, or rodent (5).
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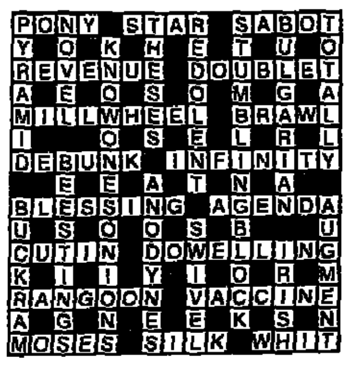

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Yesterday: Highest day temp: Malvern, Hereford and Worcestershire, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.61in; highest sunshine: Cardiff and Fishguard 15hrs

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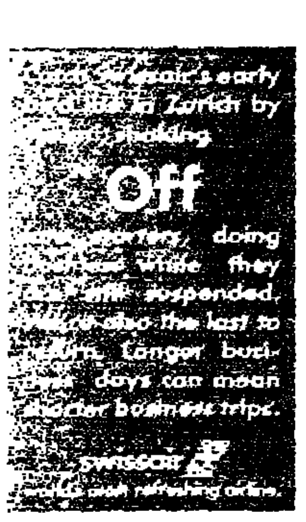

FORECAST

☐ **General:** *high pressure will dominate the weather, while a weakening cold front slowly decays as it crosses* the country from east. England and Wales *should have a mainly dry day.* Western parts should be bright at first, *but become more cloudy. Cloud and* patchy drizzle in the East is expected to translate west allowing brighter but fresher air to spread west.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly dry except for a little drizzle, mostly in northwest Scotland. It should become brighter by afternoon in the West. Some sunshine in the East where sheltered by mountains.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, N Wales, NW England:** rather cloudy with some patchy drizzle at first. Becoming drier and brighter in the afternoon. Wind northeast, light to moderate. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **E Anglia, E England, Central N England:** soon becoming brighter with sunny spells. Winds northeasterly, light to moderate. Max 17C (63F).

☐ ***Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:*** dry with sunny spells at first, more cloudy later. Wind NE, moderate, locally fresh. Max 20C (68F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** rather cloudy with some patchy *drizzle in places. Drier and brighter by* early afternoon. Wind light, mainly north to northeast. Max 19C (66F).

☐ **NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** bright or sunny spells developing after a cloudy start. Winds north to northeast, light to moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** rather cloudy but mostly dry, some bright or sunny spells developing in places later. Winds light, mainly from between east and north. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Outlook:** all but far north should be dry with bright or sunny spells.

☐ **Pollen:** moderate in Midlands, SE England and central south England. Low to moderate in South Wales, SW England, and London. Low elsewhere.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	15.6	-	18	64	s
Aspatria	14.3	-	15	59	s
Aviemore	1.7	0.02	15	59	r
Belfast	13.4	-	17	63	s
Birmingham	14.2	-	16	61	s
Bognor R	14.5	-	19	66	s
Bournem'th	14.9	-	19	66	s
Bristol	14.4	-	18	64	s
Buxton	13.8	-	16	61	s
Cardiff	14.9	-	17	63	s
Cleethorpes	13.1	-	13	55	s
Colwyn Bay	12.7	-	13	55	s
Cromer	12.0	-	12	54	s
Dunbar	9.9 -	6	64	b	
Eastbourne	13.7	-	16	61	s
Edinburgh	9.7	-	18	64	s
Eskdalemuir	9.1	-	16	61	b
Exmouth	15.0	-	16	61	s
Falmouth	13.2	-	15	59	s
Fishguard	14.8	-	12	54	s
Folkestone	14.7	-	16	61	s
Glasgow	11.7	-	17	63	c
Guernsey	12.4	-	17	63	s
Hastings	14.5	-	17	63	s
Hayling I.	15.1	-	18	64	s
Herne Bay	10.9	-	16	61	s
Hove	12.7	-	19	66	s
Hunstanton	X	-	13	55	s
Isle of Man	15.1	-	15	59	s
Jersey	12.6	-	17	63	s
Leeds	X				
Lerwick	4.1	0.21	10	50	r
Leuchars	8.1	0.01	18	64	r
Littlehmptn	15.5	-	18	64	s
London	13.3	-	19	66	s
Lowestoft	10.9	-	13	55	s
Manchester	14.1	-	18	64	s
Margate	14.0	-	15	59	s
Minehead	14.5	-	16	61	s
Morecambe	13.8	-	15	59	s
Newcastle	12.8	-	19	66	s
Newquay	10.2	-	18	64	s
Norwich	11.8	-	15	59	s
Oxford	14.7	-	17	63	s
Penzance	X				
Poole	14.5	-	19	66	s
Prestatyn	X	-	15	59	s
Ross-o-wye	14.1	-	18	64	s
Ryde	14.7	-	17	63	s
Salcombe	14.1	-	16	61	s
Sandown	13.7	-	17	63	s
Saunton Snd	14.2	-	18	64	s
Shanklin	14.9	-	16	61	s
Shrewsbury	13.5	-	16	61	s
Skegness	9.6	-	12	54	s
Southport	14.8	-	15	59	s
Southend	13.2	-	15	59	s
Stornoway	X				
Swanage	13.7	-	15	59	s
Teignmouth	14.3	-	16	61	s
Tenby	13.8	-	15	59	s
Torquay	14.6	-	17	63	s
Tynemouth	-	-	15	59	s
Tyree	6.0	-	14	57	b
Ventnor	14.1	-	17	63	s
West-s-mare	13.3	-	17	63	s
Weymouth	13.9	-	16	61	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	22	72	s	Corfu	27	81	s	Majorca	29	84	s	Rome	23	73	s
Akrotiri	25	77	s	C'phagn	12	54	f	Malaga	18	64	r	S Fr'sco	17	63	s
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Dublin	15	59	s	Malta	25	77	s	S Paulo	16	61	d
Algiers	37	99	s	Dubrovnik	24	75	f	Melb'rne	15	59	s	Salzburg	16	61	s
Amst'dm	16	61	s	Faro	21	70	f	Mexico C	23	73	s	Santiago	15	59	c
Athens	26	79	s	Florence	26	79	s	Miami	28	82	s	Seoul	22	72	f
B Aires	13	55	s	Frankfurt	17	63	s	Milan	21	70	r	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Funchal	20	68	f	Montreal	15	59	f	St'kholm	11	52	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Geneva	18	64	s	Moscow	9	48	f	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	19	66	s	Munich	15	59	f	Sydney	X		
Barcelona	22	72	f	Helsinki	12	54	s	N Delhi	36	97	s	Tangier	21	70	f
Beirut	24	75	s	Hong K	27	81	c	N York	17	63	r	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	16	61	f	Innsbrck	18	64	s	Nairobi	23	73	f	Tenerife	23	73	c
Berlin	15	59	s	Istanbul	21	70	f	Naples	27	81	s	Tokyo	23	73	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	Jeddah	40	104	s	Nice	22	72	f	Toronto	14	57	c
Biarritz	22	72	f	Jo'burg	11	52	r	Oslo	15	59	f	Tunis	28	82	s
Borde'x	24	75	c	L Angels	22	72	s	Paris	19	66	s	Valencia	23	73	s
Brussels	16	61	s	L Palmas	23	73	c	Peking	27	81	c	Vanc'ver	16	61	s
Budapest	17	63	c	Le Touqt	18	64	f	Perth	19	66	c	Venice	20	68	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Lisbon	21	70	f	Prague	13	55	s	Vienna	15	59	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	Locarno	16	61	c	Reykjavik	10	50	f	Warsaw	14	57	f
Ch'church	11	52	X	Luxembg	17	63	s	Rhodes	25	77	s	Wash'ton	23	73	r
Chicago	11	52	f	Luxor	40	104	s	Rio de J	25	77	f	Wel'ngton	13	55	X
Cologne	17	63	c	Madrid	15	59	r	Riyadh	39	102	s	Zurich	18	64	s

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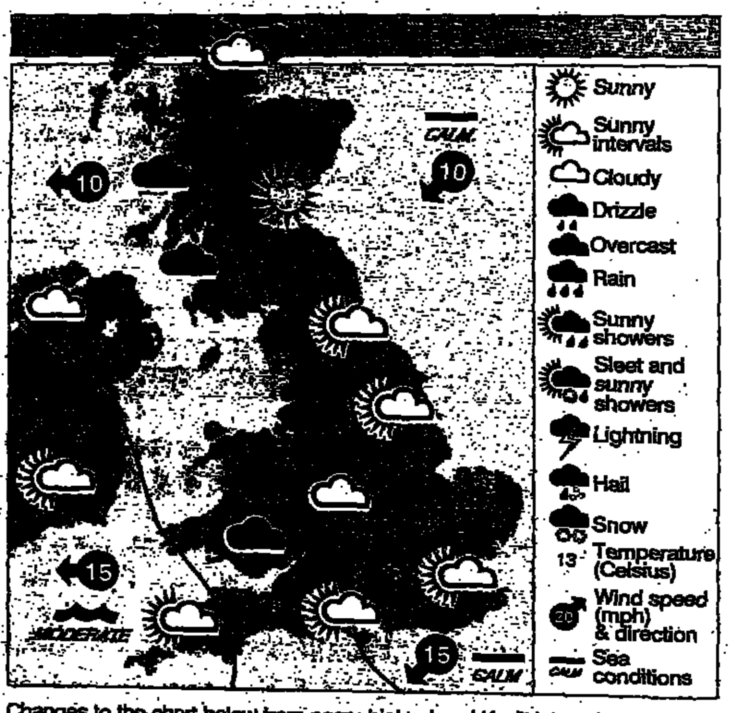

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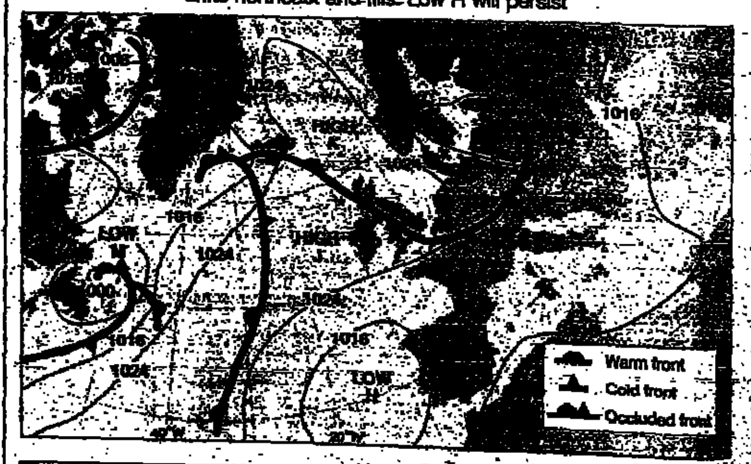

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Aberdeen	05.21	4.0	18.06	3.8
Avonmouth	11.24	12.2	23.48	12.1
Belfast	02.58	3.4	15.38	3.2
Cardiff	11.10	11.4	23.34	11.2
Devonport	09.53	5.0	22.09	5.2
Dover	02.58	6.3	15.27	6.3
Dublin (N Wall)	03.36	4.0	16.20	3.7
Falmouth	09.24	4.8	21.40	5.0
Greenock	04.32	3.4	17.00	3.2
Harwich	03.54	3.9	16.09	3.8
Holyhead	02.17	5.4	14.49	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	10.28	8.2	22.58	8.0
Ilfracombe	10.12	8.4	22.37	8.4
King's Lynn	10.29	6.3	23.10	5.9

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	06.46	5.2	19.21	5.1
Liverpool	03.11	9.1	15.38	8.7
Lowestoft	01.33	2.3	13.36	2.4
Margate	04.04	4.6	16.27	4.5
Milford Haven	10.27	6.3	22.53	6.4
Newquay	09.22	6.3	21.49	6.4
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Penzance	08.51	5.0	21.18	5.1
Portland	11.18	1.7	23.24	1.8
Portsmouth	03.18	4.5	15.57	4.4
Shoreham	03.04	5.9	15.41	5.8
Southampton	02.39	4.4	15.12	4.4
Swansea	10.35	8.7	23.00	8.7
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Walton-on-N	03.49	4.1	16.03	3.9

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Manchester 9.21 pm to 4.51 am
Penzance 9.19 pm to 5.21 am

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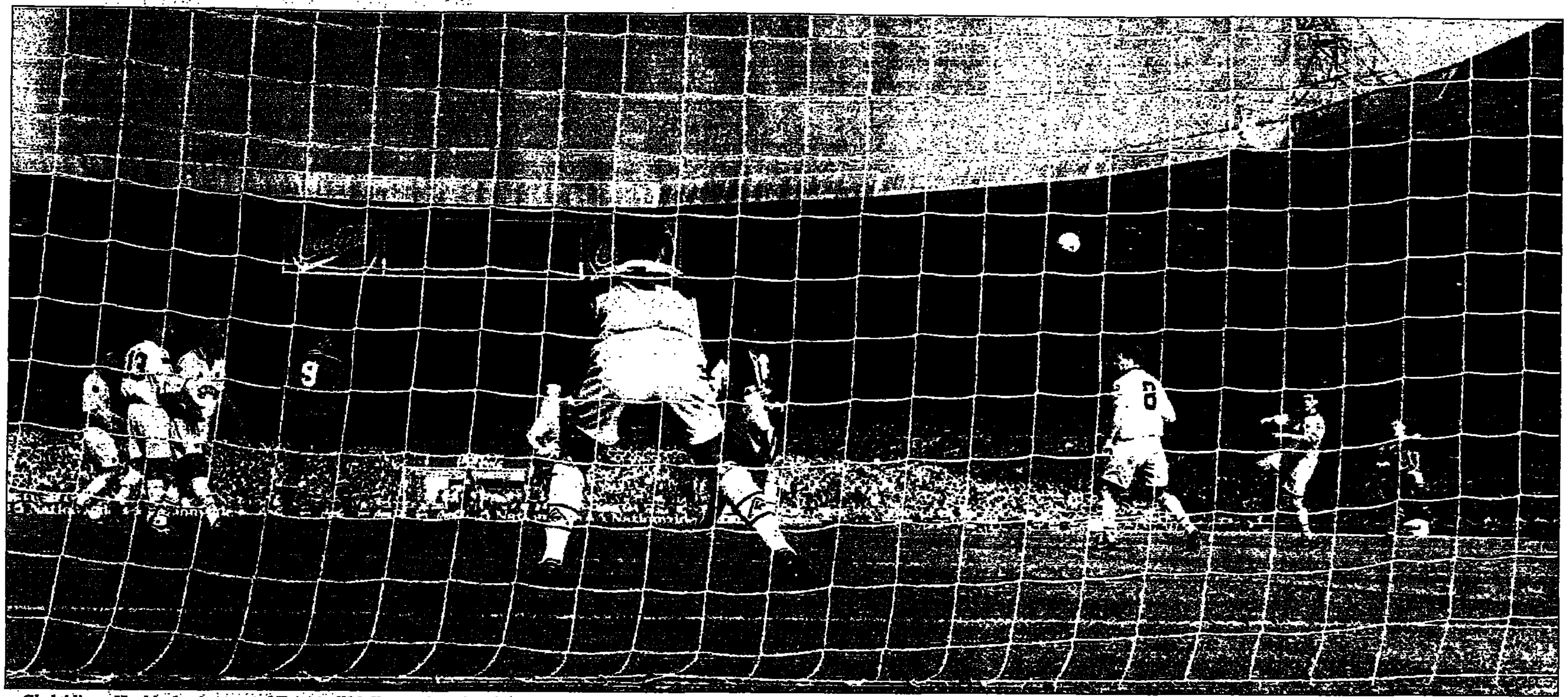
Last-minute goal leaves South London club celebrating return to Premiership



Glad tidings: Hopkin, having spotted Tracey off his line, curls in the winning goal for Crystal Palace in the last minute of the first division play-off final against Sheffield United at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Darren Walsh

Hopkin finishes Palace restoration

Crystal Palace	1
Sheffield United	0

By Russell Kempson

A YEAR ago, Crystal Palace endured the most excruciating defeat in their first division play-off final against Leicester City. In the final minute of extra time, Steve Claridge scored the goal that sentenced them to another term of drudgery outside the FA Carling Premiership.

Yesterday, on their return to Wembley, it was glorious payback time. With a minute remaining against Sheffield United, David Hopkin, the Palace captain, glided in the goal that takes his club back into the big league for the third time in eight seasons.

It is a goal worth millions, £10 million by conservative estimates. Membership of the Premiership can be measured in such figures and beyond. Whether Palace are ready for it and can cope, or whether they will continue their yo-yo existence between the leagues, is a moot point.

However, as the players and officials jigged to the tunes of *Glad All Over* and *The Only Way Is Up*, it was perhaps not an appropriate moment to cloud their elation with stark realism. After the abject misery of 12 months earlier, and an admittedly uninspiring 90 minutes, they deserved their moment of pleasure.

For Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, it concluded a remarkable turnaround in fortunes. He arrived at the club only in late February, not long after his abortive 33-day tenure at Manchester City, which he left for "health" reasons.

Not surprisingly, his reacquaintance with a pressure-cooker enviroment, the Premiership, was furthest from his mind. "I don't really want to think about that at the moment," he said. "I don't want to spoil a nice day."

Howard Kendall, the United manager, had also overcome personal trauma, after his unhappy 79-day stay at Notts County. He, too, had re-emerged with distinction but, unlike Coppell, there was to be no happy ending. "We're all very down," he said. "We've just got to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and start again next season."

It had been an occasion, on the last day of the domestic season, that had promised so much, played under a sunny, almost cloudless sky and in an old stadium heaving with the 32,000 supporters of United, bedecked in black, red and white, and a similar number in the blue-and-red of Palace. As the teams walked out, to the raucous accompaniment of Oasis and an equally loud display of glittering pyrotechnics, the stage was set.

Sadly, there were few other fireworks in a drab first half, the tone having been lowered shortly before kick off when too many Palace fans declined to observe the minute's silence for Alan Laver, the United president, who had died the previous week. Sensibly, Neale Barry, the referee, swiftly curtailed what was supposed to be a 60-second tribute before it became embarrassing.

What followed was barely appetising, either, with United's early up-and-at-'em tactics reducing the spectacle to no more than a disjointed mess. Palace were not much better, with Hopkin, a usually influential figure in midfield, restricted to feeding off the merest scraps of possession.

"We appeared to cancel each other out," Kendall later observed. "It was always going to be a lucky break or a set-piece that decided it."

Long breaks further fractured the play, as Hutchison, twice, Holdsworth and Linighan received treatment. Hutchison's first injury resulted from the only decent shot of the half, which Roberts volleyed powerfully towards goal. It would have gone in had Hutchison not got his head in the way, for which he paid dearly. Although he eventually recovered his senses, he retired before the interval after falling heavily in a challenge with Taylor, his team-mate, and Linighan.

United replaced Katchouro after only 25 minutes, Kendall believing that the Belarus international did not have the physical presence to trouble Linighan. He brought on Taylor, a former Palace player, and the effect, though not instant, gradually proved successful.

In the second half, with United at last producing a semblance of imagination and innovation. Fjortoft roved intelligently, setting up a good chance for Taylor that was only denied by the crunching tackle of Tuttle. Yet for all their efforts, United rarely troubled Nash, the Palace goalkeeper. Tuttle, Edworthy and Linighan formed a protective barrier around him that would have shamed Fort Knox. As the game wore on and extra time, or even penalties, began to loom large, Palace asserted a modicum of authority.

Dyer controlled Muscat's cross superbly but woefully mis-hit his shot; Shipperley headed wastefully wide from Rodger's corner; and then another effort from Dyer, an overhead kick, thumped into Tracey's sidenetting. From a low centre by Dyer, as the final whistle approached, Tracey only gathered the ball after an undignified scramble in his six-yard area.

With a minute left, Hopkin seized on the opportunity presented by Tiler's weak header from Rodger's cross. He looked up, spotted Tracey marginally off his line and curled in a delightful 20-yard shot for his seventeenth goal of the season. Justice, in the Palace minds, had been seen to be done; the ghosts of 1996 had been exorcised. Roll on the Premiership.

Hopkin, left, and Ray Houghton, his Palace colleague, savour victory

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): C Nash — D Tuttle, M Edworthy, A Linighan — F Muscat, A Roberts, D Hopkin, S Rodger, D Gordon — N Shipperley, B Dyer

SHEFFIELD UNITED (3-5-2): S Tracey — D Holdsworth, C Tiler, R Nilsen — D White, D Hutchison (sub: L Sandford, 45min), N Spackman (sub: A Walker, 90), M Ward, D Whitehouse — P Katchouro (sub: G Taylor, 25), J A Fjortoft

Referee: N Barry

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Woosnam finds himself back in the swing

Woosnam: courageous

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

WHEN Ian Woosnam is on form, his swing looks so simple and powerful that he makes a complicated game appear easy. At his best, he has everything: power, courage, vision and touch. "His swing is so oily," Bob Torrance, Sam's father and a noted analyst, has said.

For some weeks, Woosnam's swing has been approaching its oily best and so it was no surprise that, having held a one-stroke lead after 54 holes, Woosnam's courage, in the face of some fierce competition from Nick Faldo and Ernie Els, was sufficient for him to win the Volvo PGA Championship by two strokes.

Woosnam, 70, finished 13 under par and his reward, as well as £183,000, is to find himself top of both the Order of Merit and the Ryder Cup points table. His chipping saved him from time to time in the fourth round, just as, briefly, his putting seemed to have deserted him at the start, but in the end it was his experience and fortitude that saw him home. He was over par on only four holes all week.

Darren Clarke, with a 71, was tied on 11 under par with Nick Faldo and Ernie Els, both of whom had closing rounds of 70, while Colin Montgomerie leaped up the field to ten under par after the round of the day, a 64, one shot outside the Wentworth course record. It has not been a very good season for Montgomerie, but in the past seven days he has played outstandingly well in a matchplay event and very well, for three rounds, here. His problem is a lack of consistency. Perhaps these performances are signs that he is regaining it.

Throughout a glorious afternoon, which saw record crowds of more than 20,000 spectators, the lead changed hands time and again as the pressure that good players impose on one another and the difficulties of the course took their toll. This is the way that an important championship such as this should end — with Europe's best golfers fighting it out down the closing holes of a great course.

Clarke was the odd man out. He was surrounded by experienced players who have won at least one major championship. At 28, he was always the least likely to win and, though he held the lead for four holes, he had it snatched from him by Woosnam on the 12th and then squandered strokes on the 13th and 15th. Clarke has nothing about which to reproach himself. He has won a place the Ryder Cup team after finishing third, seventh, twelfth and now joint-second in his past four tournaments.

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Neither Faldo nor Els could hole enough putts to pressurise Woosnam. They needed to birdie both the last two holes, at least, but could not do so. Els hit a bad shot on the 17th. Faldo was fortunate to get a par at this hole. Though Els's delicate chip from the fringe of the 18th popped into the hole and then out again, even a three would not have been good enough. It was too late by then.

When José Maria Olazábal returned from his 18-month layoff at the end of February, he said that he was as worried about his form as he was about his feet. It did not take him long to realise that he did not need to worry about his striking of the ball. That was razor-sharp from the moment he teed off in Dubai. Several pros watched him hit practice balls there and said the same thing: "It doesn't look as though he has been away."

Now, after nine rounds in 12 days, he should believe that his feet are less of a worry than they were a few weeks ago, too. This means that the physical demands of Ryder Cup week can be met without too much difficulty.

But at Wentworth, and not for the first time at this club, the day belonged to Woosnam. One of the shortest men in professional golf, he collected one of the biggest trophies. "Wentworth fetches the best out of the best players," he said, adding with a grin: "It is nice to be winning tournaments coming up to 40."

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TENNIS: SAMPRAS SEEKS ELUSIVE GRAND-SLAM TITLE AS YOUNG AMERICAN MAKES HER MARK

Sorry Rusedski makes an early exit

From Rob Hughes in Paris

LAURENT REBOURS

Williams made quite an impact with her eye-catching appearance and winning performance yesterday

UNDER a perfect azure Paris sky, the temperature rising, day one of the French Open gave us a beguiling first performance in a grand-slam event by Venus Williams, the 16-year-old American, then a touch of Pete Sampras's supreme tennis, but alas, from Greg Rusedski, further proof that Britons, even those who are adopted, are somewhat mesmerised by red clay.

Rusedski tried. Against his own early form, untroubled, he was to say, by his recent wrist injury, he roused some defiance against Magnus Norman, of Sweden, so that he stretched that match to 3hr 8min before finally surrendering 9-7 in the fifth set. Rusedski battled both himself and the opponent, who will be 21 on Friday. From two sets down, he hauled himself back into the match: from three games down at the start of the final set, he again spiritedly came back and was finally undone by missing a relatively easy volley.

Rusedski: early defeat

In truth, Rusedski's exit was at the hands of one of those rising Swedes, phlegmatic in appearance and as athletic as his 6ft 2in frame and inheritance from a family of sporting competitors demands. "I was too tentative for those first two sets," Rusedski said. "It was only when I got a little upset at myself and then started to be more aggressive that I came into it. I must learn to start aggressively."

A little simplistic, perhaps, because Rusedski, though familiar with American clay in his boyhood, treated the surface as if it were alien. He was mastered from the back of the court by Norman and his own forehand was weak by comparison to the searing forehand ripostes that came back at him like tracer bullets.

"One down, one to go," a laconic American observer opined to the British press corps, but watching the match, Tim Henman, now the last hope for Britain, has the vote of Rusedski at least to prolong our interest. "On Court No 2, I fancy Henners to take you a little further than I managed," Rusedski, who remains keen to persuade Henman to join him as a doubles pairing before Britain's Davis Cup match in Ukraine, said. Henman faces Olivier Delaitre, a French wild-card entrant, today.

Anything but wild was the serene form of Sampras on Centre Court yesterday afternoon. After suffering a groin strain recently, he was expected to be troubled by Fabrice Santoro, of France. Instead, in straight sets and in less than two hours, Sampras progressed 6-3, 7-5, 6-1, looking like a player capable of completing his set of the tennis jewels. Roland Garros is the final piece; clay is the one surface that has been Sampras's undoing, but now, if the Spanish red-court specialists do not peak, Sampras can imprint his true class.

And so to Venus. How hypnotic the girl looked in her shimmering silver outfit, the white pearls in her hair making her ringlets dance and glisten beneath the sun. As Jehovah is her witness — and she was raised to believe in that — this child of California seems to fear nothing on the rich side of the tennis tracks. Yesterday, she played Naoko Sawamatsu, a Japanese competitor revisiting Paris for the eighth time and a university graduate whose mother and grandmother played top-class tennis.

Inevitably, the tenacity of the Japanese woman troubled Williams, though principally in the second set of a contest that lasted 2hr 39min. Williams had taken the first set 6-2, lost the second on the tie-break and then steadied herself to triumph 7-5 in the third. By then, Sawamatsu had a blister on her foot and had a fair idea of the power and reach of the 6ft American teenager. "She has a very big serve, very good ground strokes and a great mentality," Sawamatsu said. "When I made a lob, she was so tall that I couldn't make it. I tried it twice and then I began thinking how physical she is going to be."

Physical and exotic. When she comes to Wimbledon, Williams says she may dress her braids in green and purple. "Those are the colours of Wimbledon, no?" she asked. Williams represented precocity in its most appealing guise. She played the more experienced opponent off the court, has begun to tour the French capital's restaurants with her similarly-clad younger sister, Serena, and her mother and explains the absence of her father, coach, manager and mentor, Richard Williams, thus: "He hasn't come because he said he wasn't going to start a second career as a parent in the stands, his head going this way and that. I don't want him to do anything he doesn't want to do."

She stayed on the court for 15 minutes signing autographs and posing for photographs. Then, facing the media, she became a playful kitten. First answer, no. Second answer, yes. Third answer: "I thought this is a real nice stadium."

Williams then became garrulous, smiling through the tough questions, musing on her own inner thoughts of this first grand-slam event and thanking the guys for asking their questions.

Bud Collins, the doyen of American commentators, suggested to her: "When you get to the Louvre, don't forget to see the Venus." She smiled and said: "Do they have torture instruments there?" Beguiling, indeed.

RESULTS FROM PARIS

MEN: Singles

First round

Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Damm (Cz) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4
L Paes (India) bt G Stafford (SA) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
R Delgado (Par) bt S Schalken (Holl) 2-6, 7-6, 7-5, 6-4
L Roux (Fr) bt A Merinov (Russ) 6-0, 6-2, 7-6
G Raoux (Fr) bt V Spadea (US) 6-2, 6-0, 6-1
G Etlis (Arg) bt W Schranz (Austria) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3
M Norman (Swe) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 9-7
G Kuerten (Br) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-0, 7-5, 6-4
T Champion (Fr) bt S Huet (Fr) 5-7, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4
F Meligeni (Br) bt J Frana (Arg) 6-4, 6-7, 6-4, 7-5
J Knippschild (Ger) bt D Prinosil (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-4
J Bjorkman (Swe) bt R Reneberg (US) 6-2, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2
C Pioline (Fr) bt O Gross (Ger) 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5
P Sampras (US) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-3, 7-5, 6-1
A Corretja (Sp) bt K Alami (Mor) 6-3, 6-4, 6-1
N Escude (Fr) bt T Johansson (Swe) 6-3, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6
S Navarro (Sp) bt M A Gorriz (Sp) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2, 6-7, 6-1
J Siemerink (Holl) bt S Grosjean (Fr) 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4
J Stark (US) bt M Zabaleta (Arg) 6-4, 7-6, 7-6
A Portas (Sp) bt B Solves (Fr) 7-5, 6-1, 6-3
J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt A Radulescu (Rom) 6-0, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
A Medvedev (Ukr) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-2, 2-1 ret
S Lareau (Can) bt H Gumy (Arg) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 8-6
F Clavet (Sp) bt M Charpentier (Arg) 3-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3

WOMEN: Singles

First round

A Fusai (Fr) bt L Richterova (Cz) 7-5, 3-0 ret
A Frazier (US) bt D Chladkova (Cz) 6-4, 6-0
N Arendt (US) bt R Hiraki (Japan) 6-2, 6-1
A Coetzer (SA) bt R Grande (It) 6-4, 6-0
I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt A Olsza (Pol) 6-3, 6-3
S Talaja (Cro) bt M Kochta (Ger) 7-5, 6-3
Y Basuki (Indo) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 6-4, 4-6, 6-1
C Rubin (US) bt M Diaz-Oliva (Arg) 7-6, 7-5
C Dhenin (Fr) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-7, 6-2, 6-1
S Talaja (Cro) bt M Kochta (Ger) 7-5, 6-3
I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt A Olsza (Pol) 6-3, 6-3
V Williams (US) bt N Sawamatsu (Japan) 6-2, 6-7, 7-5
L Davenport (US) bt J Kruger (SA) 6-2, 6-3
M Serna (Sp) bt L Wild (US) 7-6, 6-0
I Majoli (Cro) bt S Kleinova (Cz) 7-5, 6-4
H Sukova (Cz) bt S Dopfer (Austria) 6-3, 6-4
P Schnyder (Switz) bt M Maruska (Austria) 6-3, 6-3
C Martinez (Sp) bt E Loit (Fr) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
E Gagliardi (Switz) bt K Brandi (US) 6-3, 6-4
N Kijimuta (Japan) bt L Andretto (Fr) 6-3, 6-3
M Seles (US) bt M Saeki (Japan) 6-0, 6-3
K Studenikova (Slovakia) bt P Langrova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2
M Babel (Ger) bt E Curutchet (Fr) 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
A Cocheteux (Fr) bt A Ellwood (Aus) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
M Pierce (Fr) bt T Panova (Russ) 6-2, 4-6, 6-4
B Paulus (Austria) bt T Whitlinger Jones (US) 6-0, 6-1
L Golarsa (It) bt N van Lottum (Fr) 4-6, 7-5, 12-10
Shi-Ting Wang (Taiwan) bt S de Ville (Bel) 6-3, 7-5
L Raymond (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3

SPORT IN BRIEF

Reynolds poses tall order for Lewis

A CLASSIC encounter is in prospect when Adey Lewis, the British flyweight champion, from Bury, meets Mark Reynolds, of Sudbury, at the Marriott Hotel, Mayfair tonight (Srikumar Sen writes). Lewis, 22, is 4ft 10½in, Reynolds, 27, 5ft 6in; the champion likes to fight, the challenger is a competent boxer; both have had 12 bouts and while Lewis has an unbeaten record, Reynolds has been beaten twice and drawn twice. The draw against Rowan Williams does not flatter the challenger, as Williams is a light puncher.

The 7½in height difference that Reynolds has could cause problems for Lewis if Reynolds can stay up on his toes and keep away from the champion's damaging blows. Lewis's technique against taller men seems to be an effective one, for he has stopped nine of his opponents, but against Keith Knox, of Scotland, Lewis had to work all the way. Knox had a height advantage of 4½in. Reynolds has replaced Peter Culshaw Lewis's original opponent, who is injured.

Rain halts Indy 500

MOTOR RACING: The delayed 81st Indianapolis 500 began badly yesterday — a day late — with an accident before the start. Several cars retired with blown engines and rain then stopped the race after 15 laps, during which time Tony Stewart, of the United States, had established an early lead. The three-car accident came on the fourth turn as the drivers were preparing to take the green flag.

Britons unmoved

TENNIS: Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski, the leading two British players, have not moved positions in the latest ATP world rankings, issued yesterday, despite a combination of injuries and recent poor results. Henman remains at No 17 and Rusedski at No 41 and, despite Rusedski's defeat in Paris yesterday, he will not lose any points because of his poor performance at the French Open last year.

Jones retains title

GOLF: Rosie Jones, right, became the first player to defend the LPGA Corning Classic successfully, rolling in a 50ft birdie putt on the first play-off hole at Corning, New York, on Sunday to defeat Tammie Green, her fellow American. Green had led by four strokes when the round began, but Jones registered a seven-under par 65 to force the play-off. Helen Dobson had a 67 to finish one shot off the play-off on 278.

Labegorce on a high

POLO: Labegorce, the team of Hubert Perrodo, carried off the high-goal Duke of Sutherland's Cup at Cowdray Park, Sussex, yesterday with a 12-7 victory against Kerry Packer's Ellerston White. This match also counted as a league game for Cirencester Park's high-goal Warwickshire Cup.

TEAMS: Labegorce: 1, H Perrodo (0); 2, R González (7); 3, C Gracida (10). Back, N González (5). Ellerston White: 1, J Daniels (5); 2, G Tanoira (6); 3, G Pieres (10); Back, K Packer (1).

Frost denies Woods

GOLF: David Frost, of South Africa, denied Tiger Woods a third successive victory with a closing round of 67 for a total of 265, 15 under par, in the Colonial tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, on Sunday night. David Ogrin shared second place with Brad Faxon on 13 under par, while Woods finished 12 under par and had to settle for a share of fourth with Paul Goydos.

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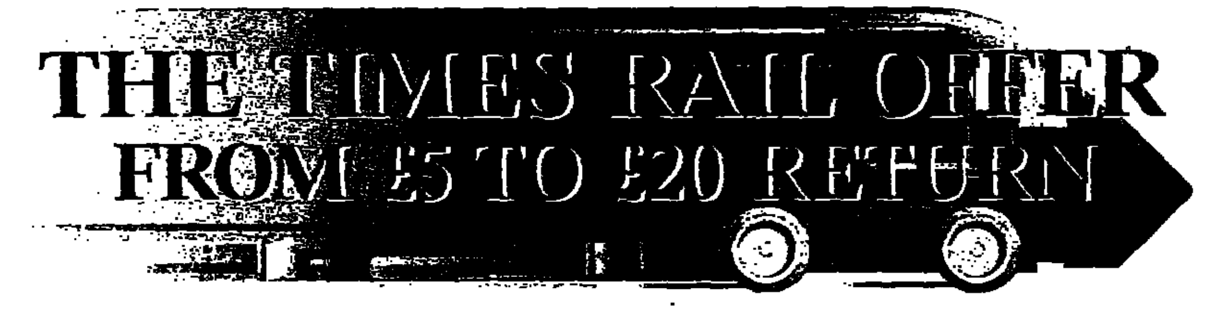

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CHANGING TIMES

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Today's hand is from the 1996 Olympiad. Tony Forrester confessed to having misplayed it. I have changed the East-West cards to demonstrate how his line might have been punished.

Dealer South **Game all** **IMPs**

North:
♠Q4
♥KQ4
♦A87642
♣AJ

West:
♠J987
♥1097
♦K5
♣K953

East:
♠102
♥AJ8632
♦Q93
♣86

South:
♠AK653
♥5
♦J10
♣Q10742

S	W	N	E
1S	Pass	2D (1)	Pass
2S	Pass	3S	Pass
4S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: ten of hearts

(1) Game-forcing in the Forrester-Robson system. East took the king of hearts with the ace and returned the jack of hearts, declarer (Forrester) discarding a diamond with dummy's queen winning. How should declarer proceed?

Forrester recognised that drawing trumps would leave him in difficulties if both black suits broke badly, so played the ace and jack of clubs. On the lay-out shown above, that would have led to defeat — West wins the club and plays a third round, enabling the defence to make two trump tricks. Drawing three rounds of trumps first is no better. If declarer follows with ace and another club, West ducks and declarer is out of control.

The play that succeeds against all distributions in which the black suits are no worse than 4-2 is to play the jack of clubs at trick three. If West takes it and plays a heart, declarer ruffs, unblocks the ace of clubs, draws three rounds of trumps and plays winning clubs. If West ducks the jack of clubs, declarer cashes the ace, draws three rounds of trumps and plays on clubs. In practice both black suits were 3-3 so Forrester's error didn't cost.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LETHOLOGICA
a. Works by Aristotle
b. Forgetfulness
c. Deadly logic

ULTRACREPIDARIAN
a. Presumption
b. An extreme nationalist
c. A Yahoo

HUMICUBATION
a. Lying
b. Hatching eggs
c. A scolding

ONERABLE
a. That can be weighed
b. Taxable
c. Tiresome

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KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Short falters

Nigel Short, Britain's top-ranked player, stumbled in the second round of the elite tournament in Madrid when he lost a long dour struggle to the Bulgarian grandmaster Veselin Topalov. After two rounds in the tournament the sole lead was held by the Spanish (formerly Latvian) grandmaster Alexei Shirov with a 100 per cent record.

White: Veselin Topalov
Black: Nigel Short
Madrid, May 1997

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	a6
4	Ba4	Nf6
5	0-0	Be7
6	Re1	d6
7	Bxc6+	bxc6
8	d4	exd4
9	Nxd4	Bd7
10	Nc3	0-0
11	h3	c5
12	Nf3	Re8
13	e5	dxe5
14	Nxe5	Bd6
15	Bf4	Bf5
16	Rc1	Re6
17	Qf3	Qe8
18	Nd3	c4
19	Rxe6	Bxe6
20	Ne5	Rb8
21	Re1	Qf8
22	b3	cxb3
23	axb3	Re8
24	Nd3	c5
25	Bxd6	Qxd6
26	Qf4	Qxd4
27	Nxd4	Bf5
28	Rc1	c4
29	bxc4	Rc8
30	Ncd5	Nxd5
31	Nxd5	Kf8
32	Ra1	Bxc2
33	Nb6	Rc7
34	Rxa6	g6
35	f3	Kg7
36	Ra3	Rc6
37	Rc3	Rxb6
38	Rxc2	Kf6
39	Kf2	Ke5
40	Re2+	Kd6
41	Kg3	Rc6
42	Rd2+	Ke5
43	Rd5+	Ke6
44	Rd4	Ra6
45	Re4+	Kd6
46	h4	Ra2
47	c5+	Kd7
48	c6+	Kd6
49	Rc4	Kc7
50	Rf4	f5
51	Rc4	h5
52	Rc5	Ra4
53	Re5	f4+
54	Kh3	Rd4
55	Re6	Rd6
56	Rxd6	Kxd6
57	g3	Kxc6
58	gxf4	Kd5
59	Kg3	Ke6
60	Kf2	Kf6
61	Ke2	Ke6
62	Kd3	Kd5
63	Ke3	Ke6
64	Ke4	Kf6
65	f5	g5
66	hxg5+	Kxg5
67	Ke5	h4
68	f6	Kg6
69	Ke6	

Black resigns

After 69 ... h3, 70 f7 h2, 71 f8Q h1Q, 72 Qg8+ Kh5, 73 Qh7+ wins the black queen.

CORRECTION: Yesterday's game diagram should have shown a black queen instead of a black rook on h6.

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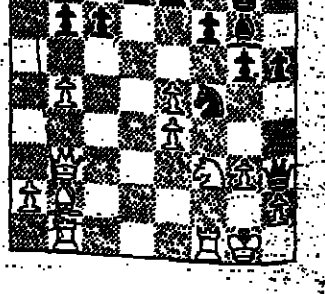
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene



Black to play. This position is from the game Vaganian — Gallagher, Pula 1997.

White was planning his own tactic here. After 1 ... Ne7 2 Qxf7+! Kxf7 3 Ng5+ he will have a winning position. However, Black found a better idea than retreating the knight. What did he play?

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Scotland offer second chance to Dodds

By Kevin McCarra

IN KILMARNOCK this evening, Billy Dodds will exorcise a phantom of a football match from his mind. Last year, in Tallinn, the Aberdeen forward was due to start a game for Scotland for the first time; but instead found himself taking part in a fiasco when Estonia refused to turn up.

Tonight, Dodds will finally make a full appearance for his country in a match against Wales that is, in conjunction with a game in Malta on Sunday, intended to introduce new players in time for the crucial World Cup group four qualification match with Belarus in Minsk on June 8.

However, the experiments are being conducted with reluctance. Injury and suspension have combined to dismantle the Scotland defence, with Colin Calderwood, Colin Hendry and Alan McLaren all unavailable.

The response of Craig Brown, the manager, has been to make an unfortunate situation seem as if it is full of refreshing novelty. Christian Dailly, with Neil Sullivan and Brian McAllister, of Wimbledon, and David Weir, from Heart of Midlothian, will make his debut at Rugby Park and Brown sounded positively eager about the prospect of watching the Derby County centre half.

"I detect a more powerful and confident Dailly than the man who left Dundee United a year ago," Brown said. The player himself believes he has benefited both from experiencing the rigours of playing in the FA Carling Premiership and, of late, from having found a settled position.

The greatest celebrations at Rugby Park will come before kick-off when Kilmarnock parade the Tennents Scottish Cup, but Brown, at least, will find deeper satisfaction if Scotland keep a clean sheet.

SCOTLAND (3-4-3): N Sullivan (Wimbledon) — C Dailly (Derby County), T Boyd (Celtic), B McAllister (Wimbledon) — D Weir (Heart of Midlothian), S Gemmill (Nottingham Forest), G McAllister (Coventry City), T McKinlay (Celtic) — K Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers), W Dodds (Aberdeen), D Jackson (Hibernian).

WALES (1-2-5-2): A Marriott (Wrexham) — G Speed (Everton) — M Page (Luton Town), K Symons (Manchester City) — S Jenkins (Huddersfield Town), M Pembridge (Sheffield Wednesday), R Savage (Crewe Alexandra), J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), P Trollope (Derby County) — J Hartson (West Ham United), D Saunders (Nottingham Forest).

FOOTBALL

Coppell plans to avoid freefall towards drop zone

BRIAN GLANVILLE

sees a fine goal settle an appalling match

KARL MARX wrote: "History repeats itself. The first time as tragedy, the second as farce." For Sheffield United, this last minute play-off defeat may well have seemed like tragedy. For Crystal Palace, beaten themselves last year by Leicester City in the last minute of the play-off final, it was certainly no farce.

Thanks to David Hopkin's spectacular eleventh-hour goal, a goal so good it scarcely belonged in such a wretched match, they return to the FA Carling Premiership. As the ball came out to him, Hopkin struck it superbly — just as John Frain had for Northampton Town in the third division play-off final on Saturday.

"The ball just came out," Hopkin, toothless and happy, said. "I was going to cross it. I looked up and I just curled it. It went in the top corner. I was delighted."

He will soon meet his manager, Steve Coppell, and his chairman to discuss a new contract, but the odds are that the red-headed Scotsman, now called up by his country, will stay at Selhurst Park. "I have have always had good feelings about this club since I came," he said. "They gave me the opportunity to play first-team football and I think I've repaid them".

Coppell has said, though he insists it was flippantly, that to gain promotion to the Premiership would mean "ten months' misery". When this was put to him, he said: "We've got one month of celebrations first."

He had changed his tune since last Thursday, when he said philosophically that whichever team came up from the play-off final would be favourite to go down again. Now he said: "A lot of Premiership teams are smacking their lips thinking: 'We're guaranteed three points against Palace.' Well, I think Leicester have been a wonderful example. Nobody gave them a cat in hell's chance." He now regards next season as "an exciting journey that we look forward to".

None of which can disguise the utter poverty of the occasion, the lack of finesse, invention and technique. It was no surprise to hear from Coppell that had Hopkin's goal not gone in, he was thinking of making changes — specifically to bring that clever Ireland international, Ray Houghton, into the game. True, Andy Roberts did provide those scattered and sporadic grace notes that Palace enjoyed, but Houghton, especially as the pace flagged in the hot sunshine, might surely have given his team more space and opportunity.

Howard Kendall, the United manager, who played here first as a 17-year-old in the FA Cup Final of 1964, called the game "a real gutter, a real sickener, but it happened to them last year". He emphasised the importance of the loss of Don Hutchison with a dislocated shoulder. Previously, Hutchison had blocked the first of Palace's two thundering drives, this one from Roberts. "We had to reshuffle," Kendall said, "and we lost one of our quality players. I thought he might have been up for today and done what Hopkin did." In the event Hopkin's small miracle saved us from further punishment.

Southampton board reassures players

By Our Sports Staff

SOUTHAMPTON began the search for a manager to replace Graeme Souness yesterday by assuring potential candidates that there was money available to ensure the club's long-term future in the FA Carling Premiership.

The club's board fo directors met in the wake of Souness's surprise resignation after a disagreement with the new chairman, Rupert Lowe. Souness, in the job for just ten months, had sought £7 million to finance summer signings after saving the club from relegation, but his request was rejected. Lawrie McMenemy, the club's director of football, also resigned.

Last night, the board released a statement that said: "The club needs to find a new manager. It is far too early to talk about specific names, but all options, external and internal, are being considered.

"We are confident that we will attract the right man because this is a club with a great tradition and wonderful supporters. The new manager will also find that we have a talented and dedicated squad of players.

"Another urgent priority is to assure those players that they have a rewarding future here. Our players are professionals, they want to play in the top flight and they get great support from the fans. We're sure we can attract similar team players to this club in the future and we will use our chequebook to do it where we can."

The survivors of the Munich air crash are to attend the European Cup final tomorrow night despite Manchester United's defeat in the semi-final. Uefa, the European governing body, has invited the eight, including Sir Bobby Charlton, a United director, to watch the game between Borussia Dortmund, who beat United, and Juventus.

Charlton, Jackie Blanchflower, Bill Foulkes, Harry Gregg, Kenny Morgans, Albert Scanlon, Dennis Viollet and Ray Wood will travel as the club's representatives.

Roll of honour

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Champions: Manchester United. Runners-up: Newcastle United. Uefa Cup places: Arsenal, Liverpool Aston Villa and Leicester City (via Coca-Cola Cup) Relegated: Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Nottingham Forest.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Champions: Bolton Wanderers. Promoted: Barnsley and Crystal Palace (play-off winner). Relegated: Southend United, Oldham Athletic and Grimsby Town Second division: Champions: Bury. Promoted: Stockport County and Crewe Alexandra (play-off winner). Relegated: Peterborough United, Shrewsbury Town, Rotherham United and Notts County. Third division: Champions: Wigan Athletic. Promoted: Fulham, Carlisle United and Northampton Town (play-off winner). Relegated: Hereford United.

FA CUP: Winners: Chelsea. Runners-up: Middlesbrough

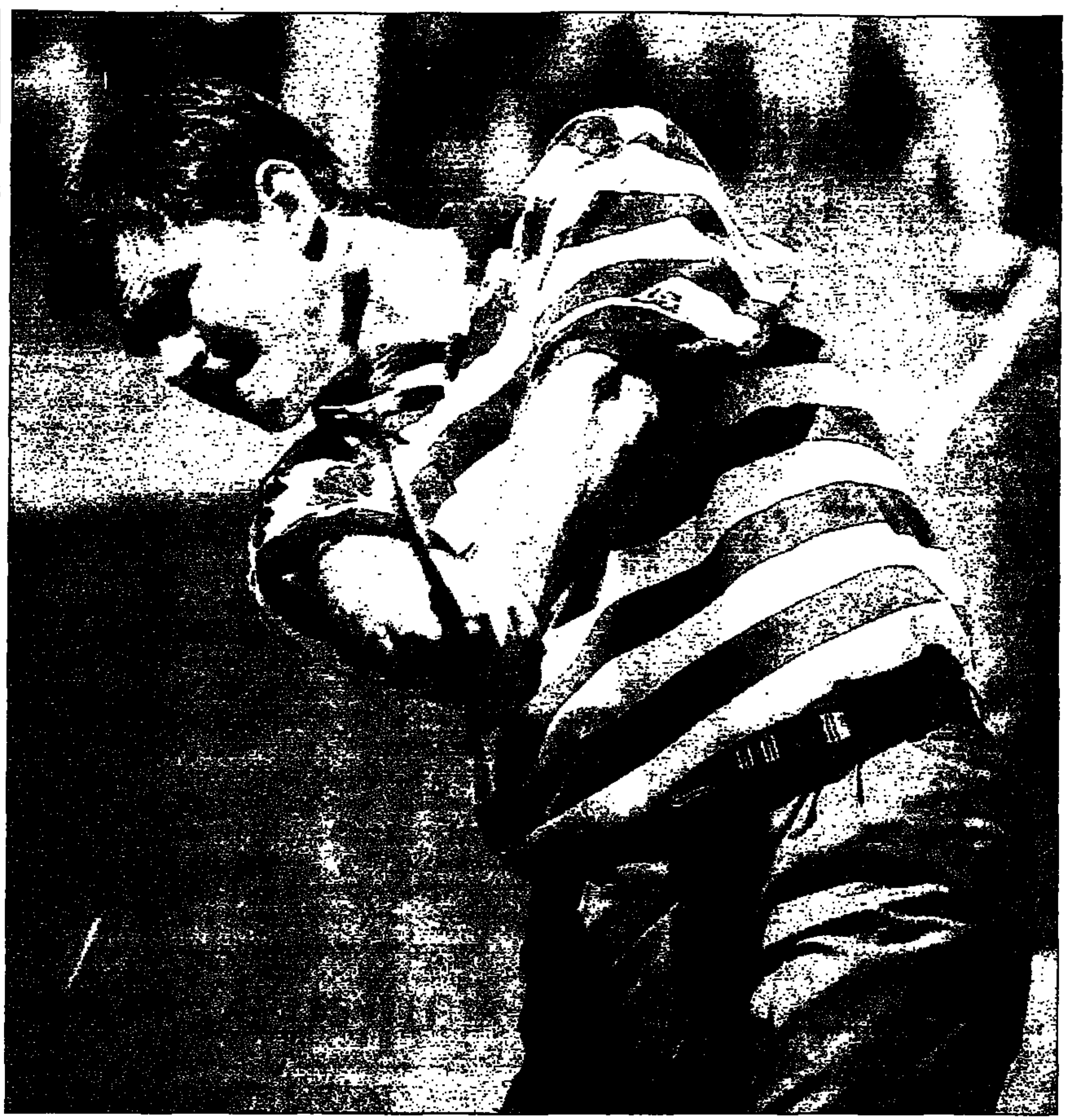
COCA-COLA CUP: Winners: Leicester City. Runners-up: Middlesbrough.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Champions: Macclesfield Town

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Champions: Rangers. Uefa Cup place: Celtic. Relegated: Raith Rovers. First division: Champions: St Johnstone Relegated: Clydebank and East Fife Second division: Champions: Ayr United Promoted: Hamilton Academical. Relegated: Dumbarton and Berwick Rangers. Third division: Champions: Inverness CT Promoted: Forfar Athletic.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Winners: Kilmarnock. Runners-up: Falkirk.

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Winners: Rangers Runners-up: Heart of Midlothian.



Faldo was a picture of intensity as he sought victory at Wentworth yesterday. Photograph: Lynne Sladky

Els is smiles ahead of Faldo in accepting the rub of the green

Mel Webb on the contrast provided by two giants of golf at Wentworth

This time, Nick Faldo's witchcraft did not do the trick. Ernie Els was Faldo's partner at Wentworth yesterday and if anybody had gambled on Faldo's brand of distant aloofness shaking the big South African out of his stride, they would have lost their shirt. To Els, the other fellow is just the other fellow, no matter who he is.

When Faldo and Els embarked on their round, both had a chance to win the Volvo PGA Championship and the fact that neither did so was due as much to Ian Woosnam's resilience under pressure than to their own shortcomings. Both men had decent if unspectacular rounds of 70 and had so many birdie putts that missed by a shaving that either, given good fortune on the greens, could have taken the title with shots to spare.

Els and Faldo are similar in so many respects. They both have considerable physical presence — both 6ft 3in and 15st, both walk with the upright gait of guardsmen on duty and both have an understated appreciation of their own ability.

And yet in other, less obvious ways, they are diametrical opposites. Faldo is a player with enormous natural gifts who constantly subjugates that flair in a lifelong attempt at mechanical perfection. Not Els, whose credo makes him naturally a freer spirit than Faldo. Let's go with the flow, and see what turns up. If it happens, that's good; if it doesn't, well, there's always tomorrow, or next week. It's not a war we're fighting here, it's just a game; aren't we all lucky to be earning our living like this?

The result is that Els was never going to be mesmerised by Faldo as Colin Montgomerie was on Sunday. Montgomerie's four rounds here were 69, 69, 76, 64 and there are no prizes for guessing which round he played with his Ryder Cup partner.

But Montgomerie is a man of passion and Els's persona is based on something altogether gentler. Of course, he is a born winner — nobody wins £3.7 million in the United States and Europe, as he has, without a powerful competitive drive — but if there is an iron will in there, it is well hidden.

It is always a pleasure to watch Els: it is sad for the golfing public of Europe that he does not appear more often on this side of the Atlantic. If his swing were a car, it would be a Bentley Continental; if a drink, a single malt whisky; if a suit, a Giorgio Armani. It is a technique to kill for — silkily smooth, wonderfully rhythmic and nothing will shake him out of it, not the disappointment of a double-bogey seven or the jubilation of an eagle three.

Example: he had a bogey five on the 1st in this final round, when he missed the green, chipped and two-putted for a five. A shrug, the hint of a smile, another shrug and a small backward glance, and on to the next.

Example: on the 4th, the only par-five on the front nine, fate and his own skill took him to the other end of the emotion scale — a huge drive that was only 20 feet short of a ditch that nobody should be able to reach, a pitch to 15 feet and a delicate downhill putt for eagle. The smile he allowed himself as he loped off was a little wider, but not by much.

So it went on. Faldo agonising every time a putt slid by, Els stoically accepting his fate. In the end, both of these giants of the game had finishes of which to be proud. To Faldo the pessimist, his cup of joy was half-empty. Els the optimist's was half-full.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

COLWYN BAY: Welsh championships: Winners: Junior men: 100m: I Lewis (Carmarthen) 10.91sec. 1,500m: S Lewis (Cardiff) 4min 5.5sec. 3,000m: A Vaughan (Eryri) 8:51.36. 400m hurdles: M Elias (Cardiff) 52.93sec. High jump: A Penk (Cardiff) 2.03m. Triple jump: G Hughes (Carmarthen) 12.87m. Shot: B Roberts (Colwyn Bay) 13.30m. Hammer: J Parkin (Sale) 49.52m. Junior women: 100m: A James (Swansea) 12.31sec. 1,500m: N Knapp (Abertillery) 4min 46.28sec. 3,000m: S Gray (Brecon) 10:32.80. 100m hurdles: R Stannard (Newport) 15.25sec. 400m hurdles: G Davies (Cheltenham) 64.83. Pole vault: S Williams (Deeside) 2.40m. Triple jump: E Lane (Torfaen) 10.26m. Hammer: B Davies (Wrexham) 29.12m.

BATTERSEA PARK: Rosenheim League: Winners: Men: 100m: M Dickson (Belgrave) 10.7sec. 400m hurdles: R Tabares (Belgrave) 54.8. Discus: G Power (Herne Hill) 44.38m.

CRAIGHOUSE, Isle of Jura, Scotland: Isle of Jura fell race (16M, 7,500ft): Men: 1, M Rigby (Westerlands) 3hr 08min 17sec; 2, I Holmes (Bingley) 3:12:05; 3, J Davies (Borrowdale) 3:35:48. Women: 1, N Davies (Borrowdale, W35, 21st) 4:03:38; 2, A Brand-Barker (Keswick, W35) 4:21:39; 3, A Buckley (Pudsey and Bramley) 4:43:31.

CO ANTRIM: Knockdhu Classic fell race (4.7m, 1,470ft, including home international championships): Men: 1, B Burns (Eng) 34min 21sec; 2, M Roberts (Eng) 34:47; 3, A Peace (Eng) 34:59; 4, R Bryson (Rep of Ire) 35:21; 5, J Brooks (Scot) 35:47. Team: England Women: 1, M Todd (Wales) 41:25; 2, A Mudge (Scot) 42:06; 3, T Brindley (Scot) 42:35; 4, V Wilkinson (Eng) 44:56; 5, K Powell (Scot) 45:29; 6, J Clark (England) 45:44. Team: 1, Scotland 10pts, 2, England 17.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 7 Baltimore 6; Detroit 13 Texas 5; Toronto 4 Anaheim 3 (11inns); Milwaukee 11 Chicago White Sox 7; Kansas City 4 Seattle 3 (11inns); Minnesota 7 Oakland 6 (10inns). Postponed: New York Yankees v Boston

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh 8 Montreal 6; Cincinnati 7 Chicago Cubs 5; Colorado 8 Houston 5; Los Angeles 2 Atlanta 0; Florida 8 San Diego 2; St Louis 9 San Francisco 3. Postponed: Philadelphia v New York Mets

BASKETBALL

PEZINOK, Slovakia: European championship: Qualifying round: England 74 (Ameechi 18, Huggins 15, Bucknall 14) Slovakia 81.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Playoffs: Finals: Western Conference: Houston 95 Utah 92 (best-of-seven series tied 2-2).

BOWLS

HOME COUNTIES LEAGUE: Oxfordshire 112 Middlesex 118.

ARMSTRONG TROPHY: Yorkshire 122 Northumberland 119.

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Hampshire 122 Wiltshire 88; Sussex 130 London Scottish 116; Leicestershire 140 Herefordshire 127.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Worcestershire 108 Warwickshire 126.

SCOTTISH COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: North section: Bon Accord 139 Aberdeen and Kincardine 114; Dundee 109 Angus 116; Northern Counties 123 Highland 141; Perthshire 137 Buchan 119. East: East Lothian 115 Fife 118; Linlithgowshire 149 Stirlingshire East 92; West Fife 122 Edinburgh and Leith 113; Borders 94 Midlothian 126 West: Dumbartonshire West 117 Argyll and Bute 114; Lanarkshire West 110 Glasgow North 111; Stirlingshire West 98 Renfrewshire West 115. South: Renfrewshire South 118 Lanarkshire South 120; Glasgow South 120 Ayrshire 117; Stewartry 96 Dumfriesshire 149; Wigtownshire 95 Dumbartonshire East 126.

NEW LOUNT: English international outdoor trial: Whites bt Reds 134-102.

BOXING

SEOUL: World Boxing Association junior-lightweight championship: Choi Yong-soo (S Kor, holder) bt K Matsumoto (Japan) pts.

BUENOS AIRES: World Boxing Organisation flyweight championship: C A Salazar (Arg, holder) bt A Ruiz (Mex) pts.

BANGKOK: World Boxing Federation junior-lightweight championship (vacant): K Meekhunnaparp (Thai) ko S Shone (US) 5th rnd.

CANOEING

HAUTE-MEUSE, Belgium: World Grand Prix: Men: K1: 1, T Brabants (GB) 2hr 17min 50sec; 2, D TeLude (Holl) 2:17.52; 3 E De-Nigs (Holl) 2:18.02. K2: 1, JC Lopez-Villalobos and M Medrano-Miguel (Sp) 2hr 07min 18sec, 2, S Hynds and J Ross (GB) 2:07.47; 3, J Silva and J Goomsa (Por) 2:07.48. Women: K1: 1, N Bulk (Holl) 1:39.27; 2, A Hemmings (GB) 1:40.59; 3, B Przybylska (Pol) 1:41.48. K2: 1, A Erodi and T Terkes (Hun) 1:35.08; 2, A Thorogood and H Brough (GB) 1:36.55; 3, S Bapty and P Davey (GB) 1:36.57.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four): Port-of-Spain: Leeward Islands 208 and 95. Trinidad and Tobago 110 and 138 (B C 52; M Mills 5-33). Leeward Islands beat Trinidad and Tobago by 55 runs St George's, Grenada: Windward Islands 446 and 75-3. Guyana 315 (N C McGarrell 73, Z Haniff 66, R Sarwan 54; R N Lewis 4-104). Bridgetown: Barbados 258 and 180 (P A Wallace 53; C A Walsh 6-39); Jamaica 282 and 107-2 (R G Samuels 60 not out).

CENTRAL LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Unsworth 132 Rochdale 133-5; Crompton 182 Oldham 102; Ashton 124-9 Werneth 127-9; Stand 68 Norden 70-0; Milnrow 202-7 Stockport 166, Littleborough 185-6 Walsden 168.

EW CARTON LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Church 111 Accrington 114-7; Bacup 201-5 Rawtenstall 58; Ramsbottom 109-9 Haslingden 110-5; Colne 141 Lowerhouse 142-1; Burnley 191-7 Nelson 122, Rishton 103 East Lancs 104-3; Todmorden 181-8 Enfield 182-6.

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Bury St Edmunds 278-7 Mildenhall 209-7; Mistley 177-7 Copdock and Ols 178-8; Wivenhoe 177-5 Colchester 180-8.

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Cleethorpes 47 Harrogate 51-0

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Tenth stage (Castrovillari to Taranto): 1, M Cipollini (It, Saeco) 5hr 10min 6sec; 2, E Leoni (It, AKI); 3, F Baldato (It, Magnifico MG); 4, M Wust (Ger, Festina); 5, M Traversoni (It, Mercatone Uno); 6, M Manzoni (It, Roslotto) all same time. Leading overall positions: 1, P Tonkov (Russ, Mapei) 45hr 57min 16sec; 2, L Leblanc (Fr, Polti) at 41sec; 3, I Gotti (It, Saeco) 1min 7sec; 4, R Padio (It, Saeco) 1:09; 5, A Peluen (It, Cantina Tollo) 1:39; 6, A Noe' (It, Asics) 1:43

ROAD RACES: Circuit of Warwickshire three-day: Fifth stage (Wolvey, 77 miles): 1, D Evington (Hull Thursday RC) 2hr 44min 45sec; 2, M Griffiths (Coventry Olympic) at 2sec; 3, R Sharrock (Team Stonefield) same time. Final overall positions: 1, A Proffitt (VC Deal) 7:18:33, 2, D Oakley (BCF West Thames Division) at 23sec; 3, T Bayley (VC Deal) at 46sec. Team: VC Deal 21:59:05. Featherstone RC (Pontefract, 90 miles): 1, D Moralee (Team Castelli) 3:40:00, 2, K Brennan (Maltby CC) at 2:45; 3, M Wordsworth (Dinnington RC) same time.

TIME TRIALS: Anfield BC (Shropshire, 100 miles): 1, D Birch (Stourbridge CC) 3hr 59min 22sec; 2, G Longland (Radford Accountants) 4:02:33; 3, P Costain (Port Sunlight Wheelers) 4:02:37. Team: Port Sunlight Wheelers 13:09:32. Fylde RC (Cockerham, Lancashire, 28.3 miles): 1, M Evans (Barrow Central Wheelers) 1:03:39; 2, T Horton (Halifax RC) 1:04:46; 3, A Barlow (Kent Valley RC) 1:05:30. Team: Lancashire RC 3:23:02. Unity CC (Witham, Essex, 25 miles). 1, L Palmer (Leo RC) 50:22; 2, M Pooley (Team 2000) 50:26; 3, M Pyne (Leo RC) 50:59. Team: Leo RC 2:33:14. Bejaoss Wheelers (Thrapston, Northamptonshire, 25 miles): 1, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 50:56; 2, G Dighton (Leo RC) 50:59; 3, M Bottrill (North Wirral Velo) 52:28 Stockton Wheelers (Jeator Houses, North Yorkshire, 25 miles): 1, H Walker (GS Metro) 51:55; 2, J Evans (Barrow Central Wheelers) 54:18; 3, J Waugh (GS Metro) 55:22 Team GS Metro 2:45:19 Leigh Premier RC (Goostrey, Cheshire, 25 miles): 1, A Wilkinson (Adidas-SciCon) 53:48, 2, L Holmes (Morley CC) 56:35, 3, N Rothwell (Leo RC) 56:40 Team: Stone Wheelers 2:59:09. Cheltenham and County CC (Thornbury, 25 miles): 1, J Bohn (CT Nevada) 57:43; 2, J Baldwin (Oxonian CC) 57:51; 3, P Wheddon (Clevedon and District RC) 57:54. Team: Cheltenham and County CC 3:04:13 Chesterfield Coureurs hilly (Cuckney, Nottinghamshire, 37 kilometres): 1, R Townsend (Chesterfield Coureurs) 52:41; 2, C Storer (Ashfield RC) 53:03; 3, P Gibbons (Chesterfield Coureurs) 53:40. Team: Chesterfield Coureurs 2.44:31. Poole Wheelers (Canford Heath, 10 miles): 1, N Hutchings (MCS RT) 20:01; 2, A Barber (Sigma Sport RT) 20:37; 3, P Stockley (Wessex RC) 20:41. Team: Poole Wheelers 1.07:21.

FENCING

HENDON POLICE COLLEGE: British men's open épée championships: 1, S Kingston (Llantwit-Major); 2, T Perity (Swavesey); 3 equal, J Chalmers (Bristol) and S Austin (LTSC); 5, K MacDonald (Haverstock).

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League

First division play-offs

Final

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(at Wembley)

SPANISH LEAGUE: Atlético Madrid 1 Extremadura 1; Athletic Bilbao 1 Real Madrid 0; Real Valladolid 0 Celta Vigo 1, Sporting Gijón 2 Hércules 0; Sevilla 2 Rayo Vallecano 0, Logroñés 1 Real Oviedo 1, Compostela 3 Español 1; Tenerife 2 Racing Santander 2; Real Zaragoza 3 Real Sociedad 0 Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid pld 39, 86pts, 2, Barcelona 39, 84; 3, Deportivo 39, 74

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Boavista 5 Salgueiros 0; Espinho 1 Desportivo Chaves 1; Farense 4 Leiria 0; Rio Ave 1 Vitória Setubal 0; Maritimo 6 Gil Vicente 0; Leca 0 Sporting Braga 0; Vitória Guimaraes 1 Belenenses 0. Leading positions: 1, FC Porto pld 32, 82pts, 2, Sporting Lisbon 31, 68; 3, Benfica 32, 58

TOULON, France: Under-20 tournament: Colombia 2 Scotland 0 (at Lorgues); Czech Republic 1 United States 0 (at Ste Maxime)

GLIDING

LE BLANC, France: British overseas national championships: Third day (261km quad; 30 completions of 38): 1, R Cheetham (LS8) 95.4kph, 1,000 pts; 2, E Downham (ASW27) 91.7, 919, 3, G Spreckley (LS8) 88.0, 906; 4, T Scott (LS8) 85.3, 873; 5, G McAndrew (Duo Discus) 86.0, 859; 6, D Campbell (Discus) 81.9, 840; 7, D Watt (LS6/18) 91.0, 838 Final day (174km tri; 30 completions of 38): Equal 1, P Crabb (LS8) and S Crabb (LS8) 139, 74, 3, T Gardner (ASH25) 66.8, 31; 4, R Blackmor (ASH25) 63.3, 28; 5, D Allison (LS8) 36.3, 17, 6, Cheetham 35.0, 16, 7, S Ell (Nimbus 2) 35.0, 13 Final overall positions (best three of four): Equal 1 P Crabb and S Crabb 1,868pts; 3, Scott 1,698; 4, McAndrew 1,665, 5, J Glossop (Discus) 1,604; 6, Watt 1,573, 7, S Hindley (Discus) 1,571

GOLF

WENTWORTH: Volvo PGA Championship: Leading final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 275: I Woosnam 67, 68, 70, 70. 277: E Els (SA) 69, 71, 67, 70; N Faldo 70, 67, 70, 70; D Clarke 66, 74, 66, 71 278: C Montgomerie 69, 69, 76, 64 279: A Cabrera (Arg) 73, 67, 70, 69; D Gilford 67, 70, 72, 70. 280: D Edlund (Swe) 70, 72, 68, 70. 281: L Westwood 70, 72, 70, 69. 282: B Lane 69, 72, 69, 72 284: E Darcy 66, 75, 76, 67; F Nobilo (NZ) 68, 71, 77, 68; E Romero (Arg) 71, 70, 70, 73. 285: R Burns 72, 71, 72, 70; C Mason 73, 71, 69, 72; D Carter 68, 74, 70, 73; P Walton 69, 72, 70, 74; S Ames (Trin) 70, 69, 70, 76. 286: P Hedblom (Swe) 73, 71, 75, 67; R Rafferty 74, 72, 72, 68; T Björn (Den) 68, 74, 75, 69; I Pyman 71, 73, 73, 69; J M Olazábal (Sp) 72, 71, 73, 70, P Curry 71, 74, 71, 70; J Robson 71, 71, 71, 73. M A Martin (Sp) 70, 75, 67, 74. 287: A Bossert (Switz) 73, 70, 75, 69; J Coceres (Arg) 74, 72, 72, 69; M Davis 70, 73, 73, 71, P O'Malley (Aus) 73, 71, 72, 71; C Suneson (Sp) 73, 72, 69, 73 288: B Langer (Ger) 67, 75, 76, 70, A Oldcorn 72, 71, 74, 71, G Emerson 71, 70, 75, 72; V Singh (Fiji) 70, 73, 73, 72; R Goosen (SA) 73, 74, 69, 72. 289: P Broadhurst 72, 75, 73, 69; P-U Johansson (Swe) 70, 75, 74, 70; D Borrego (Sp) 70, 75, 74, 70, D Robertson 72, 74, 73, 70; M Farry (Fr) 68, 78, 72, 71, S Torrance 71, 75, 71, 72; M Roe 72, 73, 71, 73; R Chapman 71, 75, 69, 74 290: G Evans 71, 75, 74, 70; J Haeggman (Swe) 69, 76, 72, 73, I Garbutt 71, 73, 72, 74; E Canonica (It) 74, 73, 69, 74, W Westner (SA) 74, 70, 71, 75

FORT WORTH, Texas: Colonial tournament: Leading final scores (US unless stated): 265: D Frost (SA) 66, 63, 69, 67 267: D Ogrin 66, 67, 62, 72, B Faxon 63, 66, 70, 68 268: T Woods 67, 65, 64, 72, P Goydos 64, 65, 68, 71 269: R Tway 65, 66, 69, 69 D Hart 68, 66, 68, 67 270: J Furyk 64, 67, 67, 72 271: J Huston 67, 67, 67, 70 272: G Day 69, 70, 65, 68; L Roberts 67, 68, 66, 71, S Pate 69, 66, 64, 73 273: J Sluman 66, 69, 68, 70: J Leonard 64, 67, 68, 74 274: J Maggert 71, 67, 68, 68; S Maruyama (Japan) 69, 68, 68, 69, G Kraft 67, 68, 69, 70; S Cink 69, 66, 67, 72; K Triplett 69, 64, 67, 74 275: B Glasson 67, 69, 70, 69, W Andrade 67, 70, 68, 70. Other scores: 276: S Elkington (Aus) 69, 71, 65, 71, F Allem (SA) 67, 69, 67, 73 277: G Waite 79, 70, 65, 73 280: J Ozaki (Japan) 72, 68, 69, 71 282: C Parry (Aus) 70, 67, 74, 71.

CORNING, New York: LPGA Corning Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated) 277: R Jones 72, 69, 71, 65 (won at first extra hole), T Green 71, 70, 67, 69 278: H Dobson (GB) 73, 70, 68, 67 280: K Weiss 75, 67, 70, 68, Marshall (GB) 72, 71, 68, 69; M Redman 71, 69, 70, 70. 281: P Bradley 73, 72, 69, 67, P Hammel 72, 73, 68, 68, 282: P Sheehan 74, 68, 69, 71 283: J Pitcock 74, 68, 72, 69; H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 73, 68, 72 Other scores: 285: C Matthew (Swe) 73, 74, 70, 68, C Pierce (GB) 70, 75, 70, 70 288: A M Palli (Fr) 78, 70, 70, 70. D Richard (Can) 73, 70, 72, 71 288: M Lunn (Aus) 69, 74, 72, 73; S Little (SA) 75, 68, 71, 74 289: D Coe-Jones (Can) 78, 69, 73, 69 290: C Sorenstam (Swe) 78, 71, 73, 68 291: R Hetherington (Aus) 72, 74, 74, 71. 293: J Lidback (Per) 77, 73, 71, 72

ST ANDREWS: Links Trophy: Leading final scores: 284: J Rose (North Hants) 67, 72, 73, 72 (won at first extra hole); M Ovreland (Nor) 74, 71, 67, 72. 285: G Rankin (Palacerigg) 65, 75, 71, 74 286: G Ogilvy (Aus) 70, 70, 77, 69 287: L Kelly (Cowal) 78, 71, 73, 67, S Mackenzie (West Linton) 71, 70, 73, 73 289: C Watson (East Renfrewshire) 73, 71, 73, 72 G Storm (Wynyard Park) 68, 74, 73, 74 S Walker (Maxstoke Park) 70, 72, 75, 72

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup play-offs: Finals: Eastern Conference: Philadelphia 4 New York 2 (Philadelphia win best-of-seven series 4-1)

ORIENTEERING

SCOTTISH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Kingussie): Individual: Men (15km): 1, equal, J Musgrave (Mar) and N Conway (East Pennines) 80min 11sec; 3, S Birkenshaw (West Cumberland) 83:43 Women (9km): 1, K Dalton (South Yorkshire) 61min 49sec; 2, A Bedwell (Bristol) 67min 11sec, 3, S Pattinson (Mar) 67:46 (at Strathmashie) Relays: Men: 1 Edinburgh Interlopers 104min 21sec, 2, East Pennines 104:59; 3, Harrogate Claro 105:47 Women: 1, South Yorkshire 96min 19sec, 2, Edinburgh University 108.27, 3, Fourth Valley 108:35.

POWERBOATING

DUNAUJVAROS: Formula One: Hungarian Grand Prix: 1, J Jones (GB) 20pts, 2, G Cappellini (It) 15, 3, P Leppala (Fin) 12; 4, P Dessertenne (Fr) 9 5, H Bakhit (UAE) 7; 6, Y Sugihara (Japan) 5

ROWING

HOLMEPIERREPONT: National schools regatta: Championship events: Coxed fours: Men: 1, St Paul's 6min 32sec, 2, Oundle 6 38; 3, St Edward's 6 39 Coxless fours: Men: 1, Abingdon 6min 20sec. 2, Hampton 6.21; 3, Shrewsbury 6.25 Women: 1, Lady Eleanor Holles 7min 14sec, 2, Headington 7 31, 3, Haberdashers', Monmouth 7:33. Quads: Men: 1, Queen Elizabeth HS 6min 20sec; 2, Wycliffe 6.21, 3, Sir William Borlase 6:22. Women: 1, King's, Canterbury 10 Coxless pairs: Men: 1, Latymer 7min 04sec, 2, Monmouth 7:06, 3 King's, Canterbury 7:08 Women: 1, Headington 7min 48sec, 2, Kingston GS A 7:56; 3, Kingston GS B 8 12. Double sculls: Men: 1, Nottingham County 6min 41sec, 2 Leander 6 45; 3, Windsor Boys 6 47 Women: 1, Evesham 7min 37sec, 2, George Watsons 7:37 3; 3, Christchurch 7.39

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League

Castleford 30 Leeds 30

Castleford Tigers: Tries: Critchley 2, Flowers, Orr, Steadman. Goals: Crooks 4, Orr. Leeds Rhinos: Tries: Blackmore, Farrell, McDermott, Morley, Sterling Goals: Harris 3, Holroyd 2. Att: 6,815

Warrington 12 Sheffield 38

Warrington Wolves: Tries: Vagana, Wingfield Goals: Briers 2 Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Garcia 2, Lawless, McAllister, Taewa 2 Goals: Aston 7 Att: 4,370

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	11	11	0	0	397	196	22
Leeds	12	8	1	3	313	250	17
St Helens	11	7	1	3	325	208	15
Halifax	12	7	1	4	322	287	15
Wigan	11	7	0	4	291	187	14
London	11	6	2	3	310	215	14
Salford	11	7	0	4	218	226	14
Sheffield	12	4	0	8	258	302	8
Warrington	12	4	0	8	258	420	8
Paris	11	2	0	9	179	287	4
Oldham	11	2	0	9	236	348	4
Castleford	13	1	1	11	173	254	3

First division

Dewsbury 19 Wakefield 10

Dewsbury Rams: Tries: Bramald, G Bell, S Williams. Goals: Eaton 3. Dropped goal: Dixon Wakefield Trinity: Try: Grigg. Goals: Davis 3 Att: 2,007

Hull K R 10 Featherstone 27

Hull Kingston Rovers: Tries: Atkins 2. Goal: D Hutchinson Featherstone Rovers: Tries: Evans, Rombo, Strange. Goals: Fox 6 Dropped goals: Fox 3 Att: 2,077

Keighley 30 Workington 10

Keighley Cougars: Tries: Dooley, Ramshaw, Robinson 2, Wray Goals: Robinson 5 Workington Town: Tries: Brown, Keenan Goal: Bethwaite Att: 2,532

Swinton 18 Hull 26

Swinton Lions: Tries: Evans, Longo, Riley Goals: Craig, Rogers 2. Hull: Tries: Fisher, Vaikona 3. Goals: Hewitt 5. Att: 1,981

Whitehaven 18 Huddersfield 26

Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Kiddie, Lewthwaite, Malietoa-Brown 2 Goal: Kitchin Huddersfield Giants: Tries: Booth 2, Burt, Harmon Goals: Cook 4 Dropped goals: Cook, Scholfield Att: 1 609

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	13	12	1	0	374	137	25
Huddersfield	13	10	0	3	368	217	20
Keighley	13	7	1	5	316	238	15
Whitehaven	13	7	1	5	256	259	15
Wakefield	13	7	1	5	264	279	15
Dewsbury	12	6	0	6	238	271	12
Swinton	13	5	0	8	236	312	10
Featherstone	13	4	1	8	276	269	9
Hull K R	13	4	1	8	266	297	9
Widnes	12	3	0	9	152	368	6
Workington	12	2	0	10	210	309	4

Second division

Barrow 20 Bramley 16
Doncaster 21 Prescot 20
Lancashire Lynx 21 Rochdale 6
Leigh 13 Hunslet 12
York 37 Carlisle 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	13	11	0	2	384	221	22
Carlisle	13	9	0	4	318	199	18
Lancashire L	12	9	0	3	326	218	18
Hunslet	13	8	0	5	402	196	16
Batley	12	8	0	4	367	241	16
Leigh	12	8	0	4	293	238	16
York	13	5	0	8	362	319	10
Barrow	12	5	0	7	226	409	10
Bramley	13	4	1	8	253	298	9
Doncaster	14	1	1	12	187	466	3
Prescot	13	1	0	12	150	463	2

AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Canberra Raiders 20 Auckland Warriors 10

RUGBY UNION

Tour match

NZ Academy 74 Ireland Dev XV 15

NZ Academy: Tries: Wilson 5, Ropati 3, Carrington, Riechelmann, Robinson, Rush Cons: Feaney 6, Wilson Ireland Development XV: Tries: Fulcher, Lynch O'Shea

(at Albany)

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: First round: Calvisano 26 Milan 38 Padova 26 Treviso 24 Second round: Calvisano 15 Milan 37, Padova 9 Treviso 18 (Milan qualify for final, Padova and Treviso to play third semi-final round on June 1)

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Newport 49 Sheffield 41; Glasgow 50 Arena Essex 40, Oxford 44 Edinburgh 46; Reading 50 Edinburgh 40

PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Newcastle 43 Berwick 47

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Euro/African Zone, group three; Bulgaria bt Monaco 3-0; Estonia bt Moldova 2-1, Kenya bt Malta 2-1, Algeria bt Cameroon 2-1. Promoted to Euro/African zone, group two: Bulgaria and Monaco. Relegated to Euro/African zone, group four: Algeria and Cameroon

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Fifth leg (Cape Town to Boston) Leading positions (at 13.58 GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston): 1, Group 4 2,436, 2, Save The Children 2,507, 3, Concert 2,553, 4, Global Teamwork 2,563, 5 Toshiba Wave Warrior 2,591, 6, Commercial Union 2,592; 7, Motorola 2,599, 8, Courtaulds International 2,649, 9, Pause To Remember 2,677; 10, Health Insured II 2,777

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday May 31

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

VICTORIA
SECOND DIVISION
1 E Altona v Ringwood X
2 E Richmond v Bell Pk 1
3 F'kston S v Altona 1
4 Knox v Glen Eira 1
5 Moor'bk v E Brunsw'k X
6 Oakleigh v Regent 1
THIRD DIVISION
7 Diamond v S Werribee 2
8 Geelong v Banyule 2
9 Keilor v Chelsea 2
10 Melbourne v S Caulf'd 1
11 Nunawading v Fitzroy 2
12 Pascoe v N Coburg 1
13 S S'gvale v C'bourne X
FOURTH DIVISION
14 Corio v Seaford U 1
15 Lalor v Langwarrin 2
16 Monbulk v Clifton 2
17 Moreland v S Heights 2
18 Sandr'gham v Geel'g R 1
19 Sunbury v Keysboro 2
20 Werr'ee'n v Ston'gton X
WEST AUSTRALIA
PREMIER DIVISION
21 Athena v Knights X
22 Bayswater v Swan IC 1
23 Dianella v Sorrento 2
24 Inglewood v Stirling M 1
25 Morley v Perth 2
26 Spearwood v Kingsway 1
FIRST DIVISION
27 Balga v Southside X
28 Leeming v Armadale 1
29 N Lake v Ashfield 2
30 Perth v Bassendean 2
31 Q Park v Rock'gham 1
32 Stirl'g S v Univ WA 1
33 Wanneroo v Cockburn 2
SOUTH AUSTRALIA
PREMIER DIVISION
34 Adel'de R v Campb'l'n 1
35 B Eagles v P Lion 1
36 Salisbury v Olympians X
37 Woodville v WT Birkalla X
FIRST DIVISION
38 Adel'de C v W Adel'de 1
39 Elizabeth v Pt Pirie 1
40 Enfield v Seaford X
41 Modbury v Cumberl'd X
42 Noarlunga v Croydon 2
43 Plympton v Para Hills X
NEW SOUTH WALES
FIRST DIVISION
44 Auburn v Ryde 2
45 Belmore v Graystanes 1
46 H'sville C v Penrith 1
FOURTH DIVISION
47 Eastwood v Maroubra X
48 Mascot v Balmain 1
49 Springwood v Lithgow X

DRAWS (home teams): East Altona, Mooroolbark, South Springvale, Williamstown, Athena, Balga, Salisbury, Woodville, Modbury, Plympton, Eastwood, Springwood.

BEST DRAWS: Athena, Balga, Woodville, Modbury, Eastwood.

AWAYS: South Werribee, Langwarrin, Clifton Hill, Keysborough, Sorrento, Ashfield, Bassendean, Cockburn

HOMES: East Richmond, Pascoe Vale, Corio, Bayswater, Spearwood, Leeming, Adelaide City, Enfield, Belmore, Mascot Kings

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup
Quarter-finals
11.0, 50 overs
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Surrey
CANTERBURY: Kent v Warwickshire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

Tetley's Challenge Series
11.0, first day of three
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Australians

FOOTBALL

International match
Scotland v Wales
(at Rugby Park, Kilmarnock, 8.0)

RUGBY UNION

Tour match
Argentina A v England XV
(at Buenos Aires, 7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Super League
Halifax v Bradford (7.35)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: World championships (in Glasgow)

BOXING: British flyweight championship: A Lewis (Bury) v M Reynolds (Sudbury; at The Marriott Hotel, Grosvenor Square).

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RUGBY LEAGUE: SUPER LEAGUE TAILENDERS FIGHT BACK TO RESCUE POINT AGAINST LEEDS

Castleford deserve musical plaudits

Castleford Tigers 30
Leeds Rhinos 30

By Christopher Irvine

THE *Hallelujah Chorus* and the *1812 Overture* belted out over the Tannoy in celebration of a precious point for Castleford yesterday. Although still rooted to the bottom of the Stones Super League, their predicament will surely ease if this fighting display at Wheldon Road acts as a benchmark.

For Leeds, it was a point lost. They coasted for long periods and paid the penalty for imagining that a 30-18 lead was sufficient to see out the last ten minutes. Castleford had already demonstrated how dangerous they could be, with two tries in quick succession by Jason Critchley midway through the half.

Since taking over as coach last month, Stuart Raper has instilled organisation and now backbone into the Castleford side. "We were 24-8 down at one stage, but we never gave up. This was the most pleasing aspect," the Australian said.

Results and league tables................Page 25

The real winners were Bradford Bulls. Of all their pursuers, Leeds, who have yet to meet them in the League, seem best equipped to reign them back. Now, at Halifax tonight, they have the opportunity to stretch their lead to seven points.

Leeds's attack of defensive collywobbles allowed Castleford back into a match that looked way beyond rescue when Adrian Morley surged *over the line for the fourth of* the Rhinos' five tries early in the second half. Yet, rather than being overawed, Castleford clawed their way back, due in no small measure to the introduction of the hooker, Danny Orr, after 50 minutes.

From acting half back, Orr provided fluid direction and a try beneath the posts after 76 minutes that left Crooks with a simple conversion to level the scores. Subsequently, Iestyn Harris was wide with a dropped goal attempt for Leeds and was twice closed down in added time as he shaped up to try again.

Graham Steadman, 33, the Castleford stand-off half, who revels in his standing as the *senior* player in the Super League, was nothing less than sprightly as he race on to Russell's pass and straightened up to go under the posts for Castleford's first try. Crooks added the second of his four goals, but the good work was undone as Farrell broke through the line and showed good pace for a forward in a 40-metre run in which he beat Flower, the *Castleford full back.*

When Harris, the architect of three Leeds tries, began to run the show in midfield, the best of Castleford looked to be over. Blackmore barged Ford out of his path for a try against his former club and then his *slipped pass brought another* for Sterling.

After Morley's try in the 47th minute, Leeds thought they could relax. When St Hilaire hacked aimlessly at a clearance and Critchley kicked on to it to score his first try, it seemed like a minor irritation. His second had the alarm bells ringing.

Yet McDermott had extended the lead to 12 points with a try, before *Castleford staged* their grandsatnd finish. Orr surged up the middle and freed Flowers for a try before, four minutes later, he dum*mied the hesitant cover and* plunged over.

SCORERS: Castleford: Tries: Critchley (2), Steadman, Flowers, Orr. Goals: Crooks (4), Orr. Leeds: Tries: Farrell, Blackmore, Sterling, Morley, McDermott. Goals: Harris (3), Holroyd (2)

CASTLEFORD TIGERS: J Flowers; J Roach, A Voles, J Critchley, D Chapman; G Steadman, M Ford, D Sampson, R Russell, L Crooks, A Schick, I Conks, B Tuuta. Substitutes: D Orr, S Richardson, D Edwards, L Bardauskas

LEEDS RHINOS: M St Hilaire, P Sterling, R Blackmore, P Hassan, F Cummins, I Harris, G Holroyd, M Masella, W Collins, B McDermott, A Morley, A Farrell, G Mercer. Substitutes: R Sheridan, J Mathiou, A Hay

Referee: G Shaw (Wakefield)

VICTORIA MATTHEWS

Mercer, the Leeds forward, is pinned by a flying tackle from Vowles as he attempts to hand-off Chapman

Paul makes quick return for Bulls

By Christopher Irvine

A RAPID rehabilitation, three weeks after he was injured in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final defeat by St Helens, *means* that Robbie Paul is available for Bradford Bulls tonight when they look to consolidate their big lead in the Stones Super League against Halifax Blue Sox at Thrum Hall.

Damaged ligaments in his *foot had been expected to* take up to six weeks to repair, but Paul has responded well to intensive treatment and is expected to resume his half-*back partnership with* Graeme Bradley, who returns *from a one-match* suspension.

Halifax were the last team to beat Bradford in a league game, last August. The Bulls have since won 12 successive Super League matches, a record they share with St Helens. Paul's quick recovery is an important *boost for* Bradford, less than two weeks before the start of their world club championship campaign, at home to Penrith *Panthers.*

Kelvin Skerrett, the former Great Britain prop, who broke an arm in the league defeat at Bradford five weeks ago, has had his comeback delayed until Halifax's home game against St Helens on Sunday. Wayne Jackson suffered a thigh muscle injury in the victory away to Sheffield Eagles last Friday, but he is expected to retain his place in the front row.

Andy Northey, the St Hel*ens forward, missed* the match against Wigan Warriors last night at the start of his four-match suspension for using his knees in a tackle on *Martin Offiah, of London* Broncos. The severity of the sentence prompted an accusation of bias against the Rugby Football League (RFL) disciplinary committee by Tom Ellard, the St Helens vice-chairman, who called for the committee to be scrapped.

"In my opinion, there app*ears to be a spiteful and* vindictive vendetta being waged against the St Helens players whenever they appear at Red Hall," he said.

"The present disciplinary procedures should ultimately be replaced by a fixed penalty system, as in soccer. Then we will never have a repeat of the justice so heavily imposed on Bobbie Goulding [banned for eight matches, reduced to six on appeal]. What's next for St Helens players — capital punishment?

MOTOR SPORT

Blunders distract attention from Menu

By Mark Fogarty

LEADING touring car drivers have expressed grave concerns about the poor standards of organisation and officiating at the *Auto Trader* British Touring Car Champ*ionship after a series* of errors and incidents at Oulton Park over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yesterday's ninth and tenth *rounds of the series*, both won easily by Alain Menu, the championship leader, were marred by mistakes by officials and by their slow response to serious accidents.

The drivers' frustration peaked in the first 27-lap, 43.2-mile race when the chequered flag, which denotes the finish of an event, was waved a lap after the actual end, causing confusion.

Menu and his Renault team-mate, Jason Plato, slowed down after they crossed the finish line after what they believed was the last lap, only to have to speed up again when they noticed the flag had not been shown.

The following Audi A4s of Frank Biela, the defending champion, and John Bintcliffe also slowed on what they thought was the slow-down lap, *only to be passed* by the Volvo S40 of Rickard Rydell.

"I didn't see a flag, so I radioed the team to ask them what was happening," Rydell said. *"They told me* to keep going. It was the officials who made the mistake and I didn't get third place after all."

The drivers called for urgent talks with the motor sport clubs which conduct the meetings.

Against this backdrop of dissent and dissatisfaction, Menu moved closer to what now seems to be his inevitable crowning as this year's touring car champion after finishing runner-up for the past three years.

SAILING

Rivals bow to extra speed of Smith

By Edward Gorman
Sailing Correspondent

LAWRIE SMITH, who took a couple of rounds to warm up last year, began the Frontera *Ultra 30 Grand Prix this year* in impressive form, winning the first event at Portsmouth with a race to spare yesterday. Smith, sailing *Frontera*, beat his old rival, Russell Peters, on *DBS*, into second place by four points.

Smith's main focus this year is his Silk Cut Whitbread round-the-world race campaign and he had only one day of practice on the Ultra before racing started on Saturday. Nevertheless, he found *that the extra speed he* developed at the end of last season is still giving him an edge over Peters and the other skippers in the field. Smith claimed three first places and four second places, plus a fourth in the last race, which was won by Roger Yeoman, *on Save & Prosper.*

"It's good to have a close bit of racing to keep your hand in," Smith said, putting his *win down to good crew work* plus new sails installed halfway through last season.

Going into the last day yesterday, Smith had a lead of *five points over Peters.* Sailing in a steady breeze of 8-10 knots that picked up to 12-15 knots as the sea breeze filled in, Glyn Charles, on *United Airlines*, led from start to finish in race six, with Smith settling for second.

In the next race, Smith got away up the first beat. Charles looked to be following up his first win with a second place until a poor spinnaker hoist enabled Peters to catch him downwind. In the final contest, Yeoman was the surprise winner, with Charles, who was making his return to the *Ultra Grand Prix after a year's* absence, second to finish third overall.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TEN BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.05 (7f 16yd) 1. OUT LINE (N Varley, 16-1); 2. Amrhan (R Cochrane, 8-1); 3. Dancing Drop (Dane O'Neill, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav *Plaisir D'Amour*, 4 *Zelda Zonk*, 5 *Alpine Time* (4th), 9 Intisab (6th), 20 Elite Hope, Song Of Skye (5th). 9 ran. Sh hd, ¾l, ½l, sh hd, nk. M Madgwick at Denmead. Tote: £16.50; £3.40, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £89.50. Trio: £261.50. CSF: £114.43. Tricast: £930.56.

2.35 (2m 78yd) 1. PERSIAN PUNCH (R Cochrane, 3-1); 2. Celeric (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 3. Eva Luna (M J Kinane, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Orchestra Stall, 10 Kutta (6th), 11 Corradini (4th), 12 Heron Island (5th). 7 ran. ½l, 1l, ¾l, hd, 2½l. D Elsworth at Whitcombe. Tote: £4.20; £2.60, £1.40. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.97.

3.05 (5f 6yd) 1. CROFT POOL (G Carter, 20-1); 2. *Brave Edge (Dane O'Neill, 25-1)*; 3. Bolshoi (Emma O'Gorman, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Farhana, 4 Easycall, 6 Hever Golf Rose, 7 Royale Figurine (4th), 9 Abou Zouz, 25 Sylva *Paradise* (6th), 33 *Malak* (5th). 10 ran. ¾l, hd, sh hd, nk, ½l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £28.90; £4.50, £4.00, £1.90. DF: £53.00. Trio: £73.70. CSF: £375.46.

3.40 (1m 14yd) 1. INSATIABLE (M J Kinane, 5-2 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2. Bold Words (K Fallon, 3-1); 3. Samara (O Peslier, 9-1), 4. Crumpton Hill (L Dettori, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Hal's Pal, 10 Welton Arsenal, 12 Another Time (5th), Hunters Of Brora, Kuala Lipis, 14 Concer Un, Major Change (6th), 33 Amber Fort, Aunty Jane, Kaywee, Night City, 50 General Academy, Lomberto. 17 ran. NR: Stone Ridge. 1¼l, 1¼l, nk, 2½l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £2.00, £2.70, £1.80. DF: £12.70. Trio: £133.70. CSF: £20.11. Tricast: £159.06.

4.10 (5f 6yd) 1. KILCORA (K Fallon, 6-1); 2. Folklore (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 3. Sada (J Reid, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jilted, 9 Ffestiniog, 12 Rabwya (5th), 33 Jay Gee (6th), 50 Isabella, Really Done It Now (4th), Summer Day Blues. 10 ran. Hd, 1¾l, 3l, 1l, sh hd. C Dwyer at Newmarket. Tote: £7.60; £1.70, £1.30, £4.40. DF: £5.50. Trio: £74.80. CSF: £10.11.

4.45 (7f 16yd) 1. PLAN FOR PROFIT (J Weaver, 16-1); 2. Signs And Wonders (T *Quinn, 12-1*); 3. *Rotor Man (D Holland,* 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Purchasing Power (5th), 15-2 Shadool (6th), 8 Tabasco Jazz, 10 Caribbean Star, Forgot To Remind-me, 14 Havago, 25 Orontes, Passiflora, Saltimbanco, Supreme Maimoon, 33 Cherokee Flight (4th), Linden's Lad. 15 ran. Hd, ¾l, hd, nk, nk. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £19.80; £4.10, £3.20, £10.60. DF: £99.10. Trio: £1,163.50. CSF: £165.38. Tricast: £4,409.39.

5.20 (1m 2f 7yd) 1. FAHS (T Quinn, 13-2); 2. Nordansk (N Varley, 16-1); 3. Typhoon Eight (G Carter, 20-1), 4. Gold Desire (J *Lowe, 6-1 jt-fav)*. ALSO RAN: 6 jt-fav Pekay (5th), 7 Zidac, 9 Mattimeo (6th), 10 Golden Touch, 11 Angel Chimes, Infatuation, 12 Mawared, 16 Balance Of Power, Wot No Fax, 25 Clouds Hill, 33 Desert Time, Zermatt. 16 ran. NR: Rivers Magic. 5l, 1¼l, ¾l, 1l, sh hd. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £8.20; £2.40, £4.10, £4.40, £1.80. DF: £101.00. Trio: £483.00. CSF: £99.24. Tricast: £1,831.79.

Jackpot: £23,288.10 (0.1 winning tickets. Pool of £29,520.16 carried forward to Redcar today).

Placepot: £3,407.00. Quadpot: £267.70.

Chepstow

Going: good

2.30 (1m 4f 23yd) 1. Prane Falcon (J D Smith, 7-2); 2. Tirolia (11-4 fav); 3. Badenoch (12-1). 13 ran. 2½l, 5l. B Hills. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £4.30. Trio: £28.80. CSF: £11.19.

3.00 (1m 4f 23yd) 1. Star Precision (R Price, 2-1 fav); 2. Poufonzane (11-2); 3. Snala-teena (12-1). 8 ran. 7l, 1¼l. G Balding. Tote: £2.20; £1.10, £1.60, £3.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £12.47. Tricast: £95.03.

3.30 (1m 14yd) 1. Mo-Addab (S Whitworth, 4-1); 2. Kewarra (13-1); 3. Share Shuttle (5-6 fav). 6 ran. [illegible] A Stewart. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £2.60. DF: £13.50. CSF: £42.28.

4.00 (1m 14yd) 1. Stilest (C Ga[illegible], 6-1); 2. Cugina (10-1); 3. Fayik (7-4 fav). 8 ran. [illegible] L Cumani. Tote: £8.20; £1.30, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £62.00. CSF: £58.29.

4.30 (6f 16yd) 1. Island Girl (S Whitworth, 3-1); 2. Hurleen (13-1); 3. Swedish (11-10 fav). 7 ran. Hd. D Arbuthnot. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £6.30. DF: £52.30. CSF: £34.72.

5.00 (6f 16yd) 1. Deerly (A P[illegible], 10-1); 2. Newlands Corner (9-1); 3. Maple Pardy (20-1). La Petite Fusee 6-1 fav. 15 ran. [illegible] hd. R Dickin. Tote: £12.10; £3.30, £2.20, £7.30. DF: £120.00. Trio: £322.50. CSF: £96.32. Tricast: £1,672.61.

Placepot: £833.60. Quadpot: £290.20.

Leicester

Going: good

2.20 (5f 218yd) 1. Sapphire Ring (T Sprake, 9-2); 2. [illegible] (13-2); 3. [illegible] (9-1). First Dance [illegible] fav. [illegible] ran. [illegible] R Charlton. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £2.20, £3.70. DF: £21.50. Trio: £73.60. CSF: £32.35.

2.55 (1m 1f 218yd) 1. Arzani (M Fenton, 7-1); 2. Acquittal (10-2); 3. [illegible] (6-1 fav). 4. Blue Jumbo [illegible]. [illegible] ran. [illegible] D Cosgrove. Tote: £9.10; £2.20, £1.70, £1.90, £2.70. DF: £16.90. Trio: £22.50. CSF: £48.67. Tricast: £275.90.

3.25 (1m 8yd) 1. Sweet Wilhelmina (Amee Cook, 6-1); 2. [illegible] (16-1); 3. [illegible] (9-1). Iolo Valkeen? [illegible] fav. [illegible] ran. [illegible] Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £9.10; £2.50, £3.60. DF: £53.20. Trio: £158.40. CSF: £97.00. Tricast: £706.32.

3.55 (1m 8yd) 1. Henry's Mother (R Perham, 7-4 fav); 2. Mr Paradise (8-1); 3. Fancy Mount (10-1). 10 ran. [illegible] M Channon. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £8.00. Trio: £19.10. CSF: £17.20.

4.25 (5f 2yd) 1. *Sun In The Morning* (T Hills, 5-2 fav); 2. Den Papir (6-1); 3. Santa Stone (16-1). 9 ran. Hd. [illegible] B Meehan. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £10.90. Trio: £61.30. CSF: £17.13.

4.55 (1m 3f 183yd) 1. Evaporate (J Fowle, 20-1); 2. Nirzan (11-4 fav); 3. Ms. King [illegible] (16-1). 15 ran. [illegible] M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £62.50; £6.70, £1.90, £3.60. DF: £114.20. Trio: £159.40. CSF: £96.77. Tricast: £873.46.

5.25 (5f 218yd) 1. Mr Bergerac (T Sprake, 2-1 fav); 2. Ed's Folly (10-1); 3. [illegible] (4-1). 10 ran. [illegible] B Palling. Tote: £2.80; £2.10, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £27.50. Trio: £41.00. CSF: £20.79. Tricast: £91.28.

Placepot: £213.30. Quadpot: £36.50.

Redcar

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.15 (5f) 1. Sandside (P Fessey, 7-2); 2. Angel Hill (2-1 fav); 3. Cumbrian Cadet (20-1). 12 ran. [illegible] Tote: £2.90; £1.20, £1.20, £6.30. DF: £2.90. Trio: £76.50. CSF: £10.44.

2.45 (7f) 1. *Super Benz* (D Prior? 4-5 fav); 2. Ocean Diamond (12-1); 3. [illegible] (10-2). [illegible] ran. [illegible] Eyre. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £9.40. CSF: £8.75.

3.15 (1m 2f) 1. Fardall (M [illegible], 3-1); 2. Curzon City (7-1); 3. Windsor Welcome (13-2). Kroonz? 3-1 [illegible] fav. [illegible] ran. NR: Beau Roberts. [illegible] Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £3.30, £2.40. DF: £20.20. Trio: £96.10. CSF: £20.36. Tricast: £[illegible].

3.45 (1m 2f) 1. Champagne Prince (C Lowther, 6-1); 2. Vitaté (3-1); 3. Ange Fan (14-1). Nigel Mullen? [illegible] 12 ran. [illegible] P Harris. Tote: £7.00; £2.20, £4.70, £2.40. DF: £75.20. Trio: £[illegible]. CSF: £84.43. Tricast: £306.30.

4.15 (6f) 1. Tadwind (M Roberts? 6-1); 2. Bongo (10-1); 3. [illegible] (11-2 fav). 9 ran. Sh hd. [illegible] Tote: £3.20; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £15.40. CSF: £34.12.

4.50 (1m 5f 135yd) 1. Dampasoo (J Fortune? 11-4 fav); 2. Sprimedis? (8-1); 3. [illegible]. 10 ran. [illegible] Tote: £3.40; £1.60, £2.50, £2.60. DF: £9.10. Trio: £114.40. CSF: £19.42. Tricast: £228.97.

Placepot: £90.30. Quadpot: £30.30.

Cartmel

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Hacketts Cross (R Guest, 11-2); 2. Battery Fired (9-2); 3. Fanadiyr (5-1). Simply George 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 14l. P Eccles. Tote: £6.30; £1.80, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £9.60. CSF: £31.98. Tricast: £129.15.

2.35 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1. Bit Of A Dream (R Guest, 7-2); 2. *Royal Banker* (12-1); 3. Persian Grange (33-1). Plumbob 1-2 fav. 5 ran. NR: Canister Castle, Maringford, Two For One. 23l, 2½l. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £15.20. CSF: £30.83.

3.10 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1. Fiveleigh Builds (Mr M Bradburne, 6-4); 2. Hurricane Andrew (6-1); 3. Blazing Dawn (5-1). Bas De Laine 11-10 fav (ur). 6 ran. 3l, 6l. Miss L Russell. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £10.50. CSF: £11.46.

3.45 (3m 2f hdle) 1. *Five Flags (R Guest,* 9-4); 2. Prime Display (14-1); 3. Valiant Dash (6-4 fav). 6 ran. 1½l, nk. Mrs S Smith. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £3.90. DF: £17.00. CSF: £27.04.

4.20 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Go With The Wind (D J Moffatt, 7-4 fav); 2. Down The Yard (6-1); 3. Another Quarter (10-1). 7 ran. 7l, 10l. J Goldie. Tote: £2.60; £1.80, £2.70. DF: £6.40. CSF: £12.94.

4.55 (2m 6f hdle) 1. Nosam (R Guest, 7-1); 2. Grosvenor (4-5 fav); 3. *Hand Of Straw* (5-2). 8 ran. 9l, 8l. N Mason. Tote: £7.40; £1.40, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £13.08.

Placepot: £146.50. Quadpot: £22.70.

Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.00 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Major Dundee (C Maude, 11-10 fav); 2. Noble Lord (15-8); 3. Anna Soleil (7-2). 5 ran. 4l, 16l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.35.

2.30 (2m 2f ch) 1. Gabish (S Fox, 33-1); 2. Shikaree (6-1); 3. Ilewin (16-1). Evening Rain 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Indian Temple. 1½l, 6l. B

Glover: first group winner

Scriven. Tote: £39.80; £6.30, £2.30, £3.70. DF: £126.10. CSF: £210.81. Tricast: £3,069.96.

3.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1. Red Branch (T J Murphy, 6-4 fav); 2. Drumcullen (11-2); 3. Sammies Bill (4-1). 8 ran. 4l, 17l. J King. *Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £9.40.* CSF: £10.70. Tricast: £27.29.

3.30 (2m 6f 110yd hdle) 1. Zingibar (B Fenton, 7-1); 2. Brindley House (3-1 fav); 3. Wicklow Boy (50-1). 8 ran. 3½l, 2½l. J Bradley. Tote: £8.30; £1.90, £1.60, £6.60. DF: £21.00. CSF: £26.90. Tricast: £890.10.

4.00 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1. Mighty Falcon (Miss E Tory, 9-2); 2. Heathview (16-1); 3. Ferdstown? (16-1). Tribal Lad 6-4 fav. 10 ran. NR: Al Frolic. 12l, 3l. Miss Emma Tory. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £2.50, £3.70. DF: £34.60. CSF: £64.79.

4.30 (2m 2f 110yd hdle) 1. Chieftain's Crown (P McLoughlin, 6-1); 2. Lord Love (3-1); 3. Classic Pal (2-1). Jovie King 11-10 fav. 5 ran. NR: Moving Out. 1½l, 3l. T Hind. Tote: £9.20; £2.00, £2.50. DF: £32.40. CSF: £44.17.

Placepot: £4,049.50. Quadpot: not won (pool of £310.18 carried forward to Redcar today).

Hereford

Going: good

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1. Song Of The Sword (M A Fitzgerald, 2-11 fav); 2. Blowing Rock (15-2); 3. Fraser Carey (6-1). 9 ran. 3l, 10l. J Old. Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £2.00. CSF: £2.51.

3.00 (2m 3f hdle) 1. Mardood (Miss R Clark, 10-1); 2. Provence (12-1); 3. Bayford Prince (20-1); 4. Kashan (10-1). Look In The Mirror 2-1 fav. 16 ran. NR: Viscount Tully, Wheelbonnet. 1½l, 1l. S Clark. Tote: £13.30; £2.90, £3.90, £6.50, £4.50. DF: £142.80. CSF: £143.09. Tricast: £2,244.14.

3.30 (2m 3f ch) 1. Chan The Man (Guy Lewis, 11-2); 2. Westbourn (12-1); 3. Run With Joy (3-1). Sorbiere 10-11 fav (ur). 5 ran. NR: Mythical Approach. 22l, 1½l. D Burchell. Tote: £5.70; £1.40, £3.50. DF: £20.00. CSF: £45.14.

4.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1. Kinnescash (M A Fitzgerald, 10-11 fav); 2. Eurolink The Rebel (10-1); 3. Polish Rider (11-2). 4 ran. NR: Darakshan, Desert Force. 12l, 7l. P Bowen. Tote: £1.80. DF: £4.00. CSF: £8.18.

4.35 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1. No Joker (Mr P Scott, 7-2 fav); 2. Anjubi (8-1); 3. Ann's Ambition (25-1). 14 ran. *NR: Tommys* Webb. 3l, 4l. N Gaselee. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.90, £6.80. DF: £19.00. CSF: £30.58.

5.05 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1. Magical Blues (K Gaule, 4-1 jt-fav); 2. Colwall (12-1); 3. Irish Dominion (14-1). Lyphard's Fable 4-1 jt-fav (f). 11 ran. NR: Mr Poppleton, Parisian, *Tathmin, Turnill House.* 3l, 10l. Miss A Embiricos. Tote: £5.50; £2.00, £2.70, £5.90. DF: £18.60. CSF: £48.94. Tricast: £574.42.

Placepot: £821.10. Quadpot: £60.10.

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. Ajdar (R Massey, 9-2 jt-fav); 2. Major's Law (12-1); 3. Tee Tee Too (11-1). Circus Colours 9-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: *Our Eddie*. Hd, 4l. O Brennan. Tote: £5.90; £2.20, £2.90, £2.80. DF: £25.70. CSF: £52.13. Tricast: £515.26.

2.30 (2m 110yd ch) 1. Crackling Frost (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav); 2. Dr Rocket (6-1); 3. Almac Norris (11-2). 7 ran. 13l, 6l. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £2.40. DF: £5.50. CSF: £10.01.

3.05 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1. Diwali Dancer (R Dunwoody, 10-11 fav); 2. Scud Missile (7-2); 3. Royal Citizen (16-1). 5 ran. NR: *Snickets. 2l, 8l. M Pipe.* Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.88.

3.35 (3m ch) 1. Mister Goodguy (D Morris, 5-2); 2. Colonel Colt (16-1); 3. Professor Page (12-1). *Malwood Castle* 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 3l, 2½l. R Curtis. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £4.60, £3.30. DF: £53.00. CSF: £38.82. Tricast: £398.17.

4.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. Mister Drum (R Dunwoody, 2-5 fav); 2. Sigma Run (3-1); 3. Bugsy Moran (8-1). 5 ran. Dist, dist. M Wilkinson. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.27.

4.35 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. Flic Royal (Chris Webb, 6-1); 2. Country Orchid (11-8 fav); 3. *Qualitair Pride* (8-1). 12 ran. 1¾l, 11l. S Mellor. Tote: £7.70; £1.50, £1.10, £2.60. DF: £7.50. CSF: £15.40.

Placepot: £70.80. Quadpot: £20.70.

Uttoxeter

Going: good to firm, good in places

2.30 (2m 7f ch) 1. Glamanglitz (A P McCoy, 2-1 fav); 2. Little Gains (9-2); 3. Dara's Course (25-1). 7 ran. NR: Relaxed Lad. 5l, 13l. P Dalton. Tote: £2.90; £1.90, £2.50. DF: £9.40. CSF: £10.24.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Strike-A-Pose (A P McCoy, 7-4 fav); 2. Bodantree (4-1); 3. *Emerald Venture* (25-1). 9 ran. 3½l, 3½l. B Llewellyn. Tote: £2.30; £1.10, £1.70, £5.10. DF: £5.90. CSF: £8.94. Tricast: £124.71.

3.30 (3m 2f ch) 1. Doualago (A P McCoy, 2-1 jt-fav); 2. Jimmy O'Dea (5-1); 3. Copper Mine (2-1 jt-fav). 6 ran. 9l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £2.20. DF: £4.70. CSF: £11.72.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1. Northern Starlight (A P McCoy, 5-4 fav); 2. Percy Braithwaite (5-1); 3. Amiah (5-2). 5 ran. 6l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.10; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.76.

4.30 (2m 5f ch) 1. *Wot No Gin* (N Williamson, 9-2); 2. No Fiddling (7-2); 3. Mirrors Rest (7-2). Alaskan Heir 5-2 fav. 6 ran. 27l, 3l. A J Wilson. Tote: £5.60; £1.80, £2.90. *DF: £11.10. CSF: £18.43.*

5.00 (2m hdle) 1. Nordic Breeze (A P McCoy, 2-5 fav); 2. Belldium (100-1); 3. Khalikhoum (16-1). 7 ran. 4l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £11.00. DF: £51.20. CSF: £44.14.

Placepot: £20.70. Quadpot: £5.00.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Kirstenbosch (W Dowling, 5-1); 2. Sousse (9-4 fav); 3. Kadan (5-2). 10 ran. 6l, 8l. L Lungo. Tote: £6.60; £1.70, £1.20, £1.60. DF: £6.40. CSF: £17.00.

2.45 (2m 1f ch) 1. Lepton (R Johnson, 7-1); 2. Meize Man (16-1); 3. Desert Brave (8-1). Maite Man 2-1 fav. 9 ran. 4l, 3l. J Curtis. Tote: £11.30; £2.80, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £50.40. CSF: £93.46.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. Teejay'n'aitch (Miss A Deniel, 7-4 fav); 2. Marchant? (3-1); 3. Mr Moriarty (11-2). 6 ran. 2l, 8l. J Goldie. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £3.40. CSF: £7.31.

3.45 (3m 1f ch) 1. Glemot (Mr R Wakley, 15-8); 2. Sounds Strong (4-9 fav). 2 ran. NR: Buckboard Bounce. 1½l. K Bailey. Tote: £2.20.

4.15 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. My Nominee (Mr R Burton, 4-1); 2. Shul Saor (33-1); 3. Simply Perfect (20-1). *Great Gusto* 2-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Savoy. 1½l, 2l. D Nicholls. Tote: £5.80; £2.00, £33.70, £5.70. DF: £346.50. CSF: £139.56.

4.45 (2m hdle) 1. Lagan (R Johnson, 9-2); 2. Going Primitive (7-1); 3. Salormatic (14-1). In Good Faith 15-8 fav. 9 ran. NR: Regal Eagle. 12l, 4l. K Morgan. Tote: £4.70; £1.60, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £15.30. CSF: £34.12.

Placepot: £3,533.70. Quadpot: £177.30.

RACING AHEAD

Robert Wright
suggests the best value in the ante-post market

VODAFONE O[illegible]

GUIDE TO THE LEADING PRICES

	Coral	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Reams Of Verse	10-11	6-5	Evens	10-11
Strawberry Roan	11-2	5-1	4-1	5-1
Yashmak	6-1	7-4	5-1	6-1
Crown Of Light	10-1	10-1	10-1	10-1
Siyadah	10-1	12-1	10-1	14-1
Ebadiyla	14-1	20-1	—	16-1
Sarayir	16-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Ukraine Venture	16-1	20-1	25-1	25-1
Shell Ginger	25-1	—	—	20-1
Book At Bedtime	33-1	33-1	33-1	33-1
Etoile	33-1	33-1	33-1	33-1
Bint Baladee	—	50-1	50-1	—

BEFORE this weekend it appeared that Henry Cecil had a stranglehold on the Oaks, with his Khaled Abdulla-owned pair Reams Of Verse and Yashmak dominating the betting. The problem for punters is that only one is likely to run, with the [illegible] the French equivalent.

Reams Of Verse could not [illegible] more impressive in [illegible] the [illegible] Stakes [illegible] lengths from Vagabond Chanteuse. However [illegible] to improve on [illegible] the Oaks [illegible] to stay the [illegible]. Given [illegible] over her participation [illegible] Kieren Fallon [illegible] a price that sets the pu[illegible] Yashm[illegible] four-[illegible] Tempo[illegible] *Prospect*. [illegible] in preference to Reams Of Verse.

Siyadah provided the Go[illegible] this spring when beating the [illegible] Attire, at Newmarket. Her [illegible] Oaks before winning [illegible] and she would be an interesting prospect [illegible] on all cylinders. However, the best [illegible] at the Curragh on Saturday, when Strawberry Roan finished an unlucky second to her stable companion, Classic Park. She is certainly bred for the job, being by Sadler's Wells out of the dam of 1991 Derby winner Generous. Although the bookmakers cut her price on Saturday, STRAWBERRY ROAN remains overpriced at 11-2 with Coral.

*With a run

REDCAR

THUNDERER
2.15 Behold. 2.45 Swiss Coast. 3.15 For The Present. 3.45 Alagna. 4.15 Quest For Best. 4.45 Quilling. 5.15 Spanish Verdict.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.45 ALAGNA (nap). 4.15, Dancing Queen.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM. TOTE JACKPOT MEETING
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 EBF FILLIES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,015: 6f) (11 runners)

101	(3)		BEHOLD J Fanshawe 8-11	D Harrison	—
102	(8)		*BOLLINGER ROSE J J O'Neill 8-11*	*J Carroll*	—
103	(5)		ELLA FALLS T Barron 8-11	K Darley	—
104	(7)	60	FAYRANA 32 J Hills 8-11	F Lynch (3)	87
105	(4)	236	FLOWER O'CANNIE 31 M W Easterby 8-11	G Parkin (5)	[illegible]
106	(1)	5	*IMPERIAL HONEY 15 Mrs A Swinbank 8-11*	W Supple	75
107	(2)	3532	INCHALONG 10 M Brittain 8-11	W Ryan	89
108	(9)	0	KARA-LOVO 10 J Balding 8-11	N Carlisle	—
109	(11)		PATRICIUS T Easterby 8-11	A Culhane	—
110	(6)		*SHALYAH Mrs J Ramsden 8-11*	J Fortune	—
111	(10)	23	SHARP CRACKER 19 (BF) M Johnston 8-11	J Weaver	95

3-1 Sharp Cracker, 4-1 Fayrana, 5-1 Behold, 7-1 Patricius, 8-1 Inchalong, Shalyah, 10-1 Ella Falls, Flower O'Cannie, Imperial Honey, 12-1 others.

2.45 REDCAR AMATEUR RIDERS MAIDEN *HANDICAP* (£2,441: 6f) (26)

201	(26)	03-0	MYSTIC MAID 9 J L Harris 4-12-0	Mrs C Williams (5)	83
202	(15)	3023	AFAAN 4 R Marvin 4-11-12	Mrs M Morris (5)	98
203	(5)	4044	*COMMIN' UP 15 Miss J Bower 4-11-11*	*B Woodward (7)*	91
204	(22)	5560	HIGH SPIRITS 10 (B) T Easterby 3-11-3	Miss A Deniel (5)	80
205	(2)	-000	WILLIE MILES 25 D Chapman 4-11-1	Miss R Clark	—
206	(11)	4400	SPLASHED 22 T Barron 3-11-8	Miss M Kendall (5)	95
207	(10)	0-00	*CANTON RON 10 (B) C Dwyer 3-10-13*	*T McCarthy*	90
208	(18)	030	BELLARULA 38 M Dods 3-10-13	S Swiers	93
209	(23)	0466	SWISS COAST 16 N Tinkler 3-10-13	Miss J Allison	[illegible]
210	(13)	-540	MANHATTAN DIAMOND 6 (B) A Bailey 3-10-11	Miss A L Hutchinson (7)	90
211	(6)	-000	STOLEN MUSIC 26 R Bay 4-10-11	R Hale	91
212	(7)	3000	ONLY JOSH 22 Mrs J Ramsden 3-10-9	Miss E Ramsden (5)	90
213	(17)	0-03	GAY BREEZE 18 P Felgate 4-10-8	J Goldstein	93
214	(1)	0-03	CHEF'S LADY 36 J Bradley 5-10-6	A Evans (5)	93
215	(12)	006-	BELBAY STAR 173 J Eyre 4-10-7	Miss D Jones	91
216	(25)	500	HI MUJTAHID 15 S Kettlewell 3-10-4	Mrs D Kettlewell	91
217	(9)	-050	*RISIOSTAR 15 (B) M Dods 4-10-4*	*C Bonner*	98
218	(21)	000-	PRIORY GARDENS 217 J Bradley 3-10-3	Miss V Roberts (5)	89
219	(8)	6/00	SATURIBA 21 J A Harris 4-10-2	M Mackley (5)	93
220	(20)	00-0	THEWEIGHTONE 49 (B) C Oldroyd 3-10-1	W Wenyon (7)	80
221	(4)	50-0	*HILTONS EXECUTIVE 17 E Alston 3-10-1*	*Miss P Robson*	[illegible]
222	(24)	0-00	SEVERN MILL 26 J Bradley 6-10-0	D McPhail (5)	—
223	(19)	-000	MISTER SEAN 28 J Bradley 4-9-12	D McHale (5)	—
224	(3)	400-	RUSTIC SONG 309 J Wharton 4-9-11	Miss B Gibbons (5)	—
225	(16)	000	INTERACTION 26 R Craggs 3-9-10	Miss R Craggs (7)	85
226	(14)	-000	SILENT SYSTEM 32 D Chapman 4-9-7	V Lukaniuk (5)	—

6-1 Only Josh, 7-1 Gay Breeze, High Spirits, 8-1 Splashed, Chef's Lady, 10-1 *Afaan, Commin' Up, 12-1 Canton Ron, Bellarula, 14-1 others*

3.15 DORMANSTOWN SPRINT HANDICAP (£5,329: 5f) (13)

301	(8)	60-3	FOR THE PRESENT 38 (C,F,G) T Barron 7-9-10	K Darley	93
302	(3)	-066	*SWYNFORD DREAM 13 (CD,F,G) J Bottomley 4-9-8*	*J Lowe*	91
303	(12)	165-	MOON STRIKE 295 (D,F,G,S) H Akbary 7-9-6	D Holland	88
304	(4)	50-0	BAYFORD THRUST 21 (D,G) J Berry 3-9-5	T E Durcan (5)	85
305	(10)	304-	TOP OF THE FORM 236 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-9-4	J Weaver	87
306	(5)	4160	SPENDER 16 (D,F,G) P Harris 8-9-4	C Lowther (7)	88
307	(6)	4441	SQUIRE CORRIE 11 (D,F,G) D Chapman 5-8-13	A Culhane	93
308	(2)	000-	TART AND A HALF 182 (B,D,F) J Eyre 5-8-13	M Gallagher	89
309	(1)	00-0	ROYAL DOME 38 (D,F,G) M Wane 5-8-10	J Carroll	90
310	(13)	640-	BRECONGILL LAD 200 (V,D,F,G) Miss S Hall 5-8-8	W Ryan	87
311	(11)	0000	INSIDER TRADER 9 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 6-8-4	M Deering	84
312	(1)	00-0	ANTARCTIC STORM 10 (F) R Fahey 4-8-1	F Norton	85
313	(9)	0022	*BLESSINGINDISGUISE 11 (B,G) M W Easterby 4-7-13*	L Charnock	[illegible]

4-1 For The Present, 5-1 Swynford Dream, Squire Corrie, 6-1 Blessingindisguise, 7-1 Spender, 8-1 Insider Trader, 10-1 Top Of The Form, 12-1 others.

3.45 SKELTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,723: 1m 6f 19yd) (15)

401	(6)	20-6	ZIGGY'S VIOLA 22 Mrs M Reveley 9-7	*A Culhane*	91
402	(8)	0-63	ARISAIG 32 P Calver 9-5	Darren Moffatt (3)	[illegible]
403	(7)	6-05	MONARCH'S PURSUIT 15 T Easterby 9-5	J Fortune	92
404	(12)	3265	SPONDULICKS 18 B Baugh 9-2	J Weaver	98
405	(9)	0-00	*AURELIAN 15 M Bell 9-1*	*M Fenton*	90
406	(3)	5460	MISS BARCELONA 28 M Polglase 8-13	T G McLaughlin	98
407	(13)	0-40	GROVEFAIR LAD 15 M Wane 8-13	J Carroll	90
408	(2)	0500	MAREMMA 7 E Incisa 8-9	Kim Tinkler	95
409	(14)	00-6	MELLWOOD 18 M Tompkins 8-9	Dale Gibson	85
410	(5)	00-0	GOELACCIA 26 G Moore 8-7	J Tate	—
411	(11)	04-0	OCEAN BREEZE 18 J Wainwright 8-7	J Bramhill (5)	90
412	(4)	6043	ALAGNA 7 S Williams 8-6	K Darley	98
413	(10)	0000	BOUT 47 R McKellar 8-3	J Lowe	—
414	(1)	050	KISSANDY 35 Mrs V Aconley 7-12	M Deering	—
415	(15)	-060	KICKONSUN 19 (B) R Fahey 7-10	R Winston (7)	—

5-1 Alagna, 6-1 Aurelian, Mellwood, 7-1 Arisaig, *Monarch's Pursuit*, 8-1 Grovefair Lad, 10-1 Ziggy's Viola, Spondulicks, Miss Barcelona, 12-1 others

4.15 KIRKLEATHAM MAIDEN STAKES (£2,859: 1m 2f) (10)

501	(7)	0-40	*DESERT CAT 21 M Wane 4-9-10*	*J Carroll*	83
502	(9)	-400	DEGREE 106 S Williams 4-9-7	D Williams (7)	90
503	(5)	6-56	ALLIED ACADEMY 67 S Williams 3-8-10	K Darley	85
504	(6)	05-0	COURT EXPRESS 17 T Etherington 3-8-10	T Lucas	87
505	(8)	0-43	*HEART OF GOLD 22 Miss S Hall 3-8-10*	W Ryan	97
506	(1)	0-03	KLONDIKE CHARGER 11 B Hills 3-8-10	J Weaver	98
507	(2)	25-6	LIGHTNING REBEL 71 C Thornton 3-8-10	L Charnock	91
508	(3)	43-5	DANCING QUEEN 31 M Bell 3-8-7	M Fenton	95
509	(10)	440	*MADISON MIST 11 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-7*	*J Fortune*	98
510	(4)	3-06	QUEST FOR BEST 10 (V) J Gosden 3-8-7	F Lynch (3)	[illegible]

3-1 Quest For Best, 4-1 Heart Of Gold, Klondike Charger, 5-1 Dancing Queen, 6-1 Allied Academy, Madison Mist, 10-1 others

4.45 BILLINGHAM STAKES (£3,431: 7f) (7)

601	(2)	0541	WEETMAN'S WEIGH 24 (D,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-7	F Lynch (3)	97
602	(6)	60-2	MOUNTGATE 11 (D,F,G) M Bielby 5-9-4	J Weaver	98
603	(7)	41-6	MOVE WITH EDES 18 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 5-9-4	D McGaffin (7)	90
604	(3)	0-20	QUILLING 17 (CD,F) M Dods 5-9-4	J Fortune	[illegible]
605	(5)	0-03	*SPOTTED EAGLE 15 (F) M Wane 4-9-4*	*J Carroll*	87
606	(1)	002-	TOUJOURS RIVIERA 222 (D,F,G) J Pearce 7-9-4	C Teague (3)	94
607	(4)	-036	PROMINENT 40 Mrs V Aconley 3-8-7	M Deering	83

9-4 Weetman's Weigh, 7-2 Toujours Riviera, 4-1 Quilling, 9-2 Mountgate, 7-1 Move With Edes, 8-1 Spotted Eagle, 14-1 Prominent

5.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 1f) (16)

1	(1)	25-3	*RAED 26 Mrs A Swinbank 4-10-0*	W Supple	95
2	(12)	00-0	PRIDE OF PENDLE 15 (C,D,F,G,S) M Wane 8-9-13	J Carroll	94
3	(14)	0200	DISPOL GEM 16 P Calver 4-9-3	K Darley	[illegible]
4	(11)	00-0	HARVEY WHITE 25 (F,B) J Pearce 5-9-3	C Teague (3)	96
5	(16)	50-5	BULSARA 32 (CD,F) C Fairhurst 5-9-3	L Charnock	92
6	(13)	3-46	LEIF THE LUCKY 41 (CD,G,S) Miss S Hall 8-9-2	O Pears (3)	96
7	(3)	0600	PENSION FUND 10 (C,F,G) M W Easterby 3-9-2	T Lucas	95
8	(2)	0506	SPANISH VERDICT 15 (C,F,G,S) D Smith 10-9-1	F Lynch (3)	98
9	(7)	-30P	IMPERIAL OR METRIC 10 (F) R Fahey 3-8-13	A Culhane	94
10	(9)	00-6	ENERGY MAN 25 M Dods 4-8-3	J Weaver	94
11	(8)	040-	TALENTED TING 287 (C,D,F,G) P Haslam 8-8-8	P Goode (7)	91
12	(15)	700-	*MAJAL 385 (F,G) J Wainwright 8-8-8*	J Bramhill (5)	—
13	(6)	6200	MAJOR MOUSE 41 (F,G) W Haigh 9-8-6	D Harrison	98
14	(4)	00-6	HABETA 31 (F,G) J Walls 11-7-10	J Lowe	97
15	(10)	2300	BEDAZZLE 10 (G) M Brittain 6-7-10	D Mernagh (7)	97
16	(5)	0032	*NOBBY BARNES 10 (D,F,B) E Incisa 8-7-10*	Kim Tinkler	98

5-1 Pride Of Pendle, 6-1 Dispol Gem, Leif The Lucky, 7-1 Spanish Verdict, 8-1 Major Mouse, Bedazzle, 10-1 Nobby Barnes, Habeta, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 15 winners from 53 runners, 28.3%; P Harris, 5 from 25, 20.0%; S Williams, 3 from 21, 14.3%; T Barron, 10 from 71, 14.1%; J L Harris, 4 from 29, 13.8%; S Kettlewell, 4 from 30, 13.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 41 from 323, 12.7%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 49 winners from 252 rides, 19.4%; W Ryan, 11 from 71, 15.5%; J Weaver, 17 from 114, 14.9%; F Norton, 3 from 24, 12.5%. Only qualifiers.

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RACING: LOCHSONG'S OWNER DOUBLE-HANDED FOR STAYERS' SHOWPIECE AFTER SANDOWN SUCCESS

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Persian Punch, left, stays on stoutly to repel the determined challenge of Celeric, black cap, in the extended two-mile Bonusprint Henry II Stakes at Sandown yesterday

Persian Punch earns Gold Cup shot

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

JEFF SMITH'S right to be regarded as one of the luckiest owners in the land was underlined yesterday when Persian Punch earned a tilt at the Gold Cup at Royal Ascot next month alongside his other stayer, Grey Shot.

The battling success over Celeric in the Bonusprint Henry II Stakes also served to highlight the abundance of talented stayers in training this season in stark contrast to the lack of top-class sprinters.

Smith, whose colours were made famous by Lochsong, said: "I am very lucky becasue I get horses which seem to capture the imagination of the betting public. There is a long way to go with Persian Punch — and obviously he is totally different to Lochsong — but he has got the ability to win a Gold Cup and really grab people's imaginations.

"He's a giant of a horse — not far short of 17 hands — but is still a baby. Heaven knows what he will be like next year."

Persian Punch hit the front two furlongs out and, rather surprisingly, Frankie Dettori brought Celeric up the middle of the track to make his challenge — which probably cost the David Morley-trained Yorkshire Cup winner a chance of victory. Celeric is definitely best when threading his way between horses and, although he drew alongside, it was Persian Punch who quickened again inside the final 50 yards.

David Elsworth, trainer of Persian Punch, said: "Celeric will be 7lb better off with us in the Gold Cup, which will bring us closer together. We will be going into unknown territory over 2½ miles, but I hope he will get the extra distance."

With the likes of Classic Cliche, and the two Doubles — Trigger and Eclipse — also poised to contest the cup races, lovers of staying events are set for a vintage summer, unlike those who prefer sprinters.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GAY BREEZE
(2.45 Redcar)

Next best: Weetman's Weigh
(4.45 Redcar)

The paucity of top-class five- and six-furlong specialists was clear after Croft Pool, a six-year-old gelding, won the group two Tripleprint Temple Stakes — and was followed home by two other geldings of mature years and an in-foal mare.

Nonetheless, the victory provided a deserved first group success for Jeremy Glover, who is best known for sending out the winners of four Cambridgeshires. Croft Pool cost just 2,000 guineas and, because of problems with his knees, hardly saw a racecourse for a couple of years. "Because he has not had a hard time he is improving," Glover said. "I have always though he was a group horse. We ran him in handicaps and he has gradually improved and improved."

While the 20-1 victory was a Bank Holiday boost for the bookmakers, Michael Stoute ensured the betting money did not pass in one direction when Insatiable landed a hefty gamble by taking the Doubleprint Whitsun Cup. The lightly raced four-year-old passed half the field up the straight to win going away and looks sure to make a bold show in the Royal Hunt Cup.

Kieren Fallon was on the mark in the EBF Maiden Fillies' Stakes when he partnered Kilcora to a battling victory over the odds-on Folklore, ridden by Dettori.

Fallon later confirmed that he will appeal against the ten-day ban imposed by Italian stewards on Sunday, which could prevent him riding Reams Of Verse in the Oaks on Friday week. The Bank Holiday has hindered attempts to start the appeal procedure straight away, but Fallon's agent, David Pollington, said: "We will lodge an appeal with the Italian Jockey Club, but we want to speak to Michael Caulfield and the Jockey Club here first."

Hern decides to call time on glorious career

By Dick Hinder

MAJOR Dick Hern, the former royal trainer, has decided to bring down the curtain on an illustrious career by announcing yesterday that he intends to retire at the end of the season.

Hern said: "I have held a licence to train for 40 years and have been fortunate enough to train some very good horses for some very good owners. I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Tributes poured in from his fellow trainers. Summarising their feelings, John Dunlop said: "As a trainer and a man, he is someone I admire more than almost anybody. His success over the years has been quite remarkable."

Hern's former stable jockey, Willie Carson, said: "I joined the Major in 1977 and that was the start of the big time for me. I was lucky enough to ride some great horses for him."

Hern, 69, entered racing in 1952, as assistant to Major Michael Pope, but by 1957 had been appointed private trainer to leading owner, Lionel Holliday. It was the beginning of a glorious career for Hern, who gained 16 successes in British classics as well as landing the trainers' championship on four occasions.

Hern started training for the Queen in 1967 and they enjoyed considerable success during a 22-year association. In 1974, Highclere won the 1,000 Guineas and Prix de Diane (French Oaks) while in 1977 — the Queen's Silver Jubilee year — Dunfermline landed the Oaks and St Leger.

Among the finest of Hern's runners was Brigadier Gerard, who won 17 of his 18 starts, including a brilliant victory over Mill Reef in the 1971 2,000 Guineas. Further classic glory came with Bustino (St Leger) and Troy (Derby).

Hern: 16 classic wins

The Queen appointed Hern a CVO in 1980 and that year he won six group one races, including the Derby with Henbit and the Oaks with Bireme.

The stable's fortunes took a turn for the worse after Hern broke his neck in December 1984, while hunting in Leicestershire. He also had major heart surgery in 1988, and, in June of that year, his assistant, Neil Graham, took over the licence. It was rumoured that Hern would retire at the end of the season, but by November he was back at the helm.

In 1989, Hern enjoyed further success with Sheikh Hamdan al-Maktoum's Nashwan. The champion colt landed the 2,000 Guineas, Derby, Eclipse and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Nashwan's success cushioned the severe blow Hern suffered when his patronage by the Queen ended, somewhat acrimoniously, after he was not allowed to renew the trainer's lease at West Ilsley.

Hern switched to new stables at Kingswood Stud, the property of Sheikh Hamdan's Shadwell Estates, near Lambourn, early in 1991. Since the move, Hern continued the flow of winners and Harayir landed the 1995 1,000 Guineas.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

6.20 Lynton Lad
6.50 **PALAEMON** (nap)
7.20 Pool Music
7.50 Bosra Sham
8.20 Bold Demand
8.50 Hattaafeh

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 8.20 Bold Demand.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.20 ADDLESTONE CLAIMING STAKES (£2,921: 1m 14yd) (13 runners)

1	(7)	4-2683	PHILISTAR 8 (G) (N Shields) K Burke 4-9-8	B Doyle	87
2	(12)	800-44	LYNTON LAD 11 (G) (Uplands Bloodstock) C Brooks 5-9-6	R Perham	89
3	(9)	230040	PATER NOSTER 7 (D,G,S) (The New Window Factory) J A Harris 8-9-6	S Sanders	92
4	(2)	042-00	STATAJACK 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 9-9-6	R Cochrane	85
5	(4)	040-00	AL ABRAQ 18 (C,F) (Abbott Racing Pnrs) J Hills 4-9-4	M Henry (3)	[illegible]
6	(1)	014206	KI CHI SAGA 18 (D,G,S) (D Knight) M Madgwick 5-9-4	R Hughes	90
7	(11)	-40310	LA MODISTE 22 (D,F,G) (J Purcell) Miss G Kelleway 4-9-3	K Fallon	90
8	(8)	33-061	FINSBURY FLYER 8 (D,G,S) (P Slade) R Hodges 4-9-1	R Ffrench (5)	85
9	(13)	241-16	ARCATURA 18 (G) (Mrs C Welch) C James 5-9-0	G Rutter	79
10	(3)	050-05	JONA HOLLEY 8 (I Balding) I Balding 4-8-13	R Fowley (7)	62
11	(10)	50000-	BARBRALLEN 190 (P Allen) Mrs L Jewell 5-8-11	Sophie Mitchell (5)	80
12	(5)	60-	SPIRIT OF SPORT 454 (B) (T Warner) A Newcombe 4-8-10	S Whitworth	—
13	(6)	3445-0	MERCILESS COP 3 (B,G) (M Lambacchi) B Meehan 3-8-5	A Clark	83

BETTING: 7-2 La Modiste, 11-2 Finsbury Flyer, 7-1 Philistar, Lynton Lad, 8-1 Arcatura, 10-1 Statajack, Al Abraq, Jona Holley, Merciless Cop, 12-1 others.

1996: EARLY PEACE 4-9-4 Dane O'Neill (16-1) R Hannon 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

LYNTON LAD 4¾l 4th of 12 to Purchasing Power in rated stakes at Newmarket (7f, good). PATER NOSTER 15l last of 9 to Jack The Lad in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to soft). STATAJACK 19l 10th of 22 to Premier Generation in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, soft).
KI CHI SAGA 13¾l 6th of 12 to Pengamon in handicap at Lingfield (1m, standard). LA MODISTE beat Purchasing Power 1¼l in 13-runner rated stakes at Epsom (1m 114yd, good) on penultimate start.
FINSBURY FLYER beat Caudillo ¾l in 17-runner claimer at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft), with PHILISTAR (2lb better off) 2½l 3rd and JONA HOLLEY (1lb worse off) 9¼l 5th. ARCATURA beat Bon Secret 3½l in 14-runner claimer at Lingfield (1m 2f, stand) on penultimate start.
Selection: LYNTON LAD

6.50 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,534: 1m 3f 91yd) (11 runners)

SKY

1	(8)	22154-	MADAME CHINNERY 221 (G) (The Chinnery Pnrs) J Eustace 9-7	R Cochrane	86
2	(3)	48-3	VALAGALORE 24 (Mrs A Bourne) B Hills 9-6	M Hills	88
3	(11)	6-30	MYSTIC RIDGE 10 (Mrs A Coughlan) D Elsworth 9-6	D Griffiths (3)	98
4	(1)	042-24	PROTOCOL 28 (Highclere Racing Ltd) J Hills 9-3	R Hills	90
5	(9)	400-14	IBN ST JAMES 20 (B,F) (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 9-3	T Williams	[illegible]
6	(5)	46-210	HERE'S TO HOWIE 28 (F) (The Breeze Uppers) R Hannon 9-2	Dane O'Neill	95
7	(10)	452435	TIME CAN TELL 22 (G) (D Croll) C Murray 8-12	R Ffrench (5)	91
8	(2)	0358-0	PALAEMON 12 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-6	A Clark	93
9	(6)	5-1035	TOP SHELF 18 (G) (Kings Bloodstock Ltd) C Brittain 8-6	B Doyle	98
10	(4)	00580-	MOTCOMBS CLUB 167 (Motcombs Racing Synd) N Callaghan 8-0	C Rutter	91
11	(7)	800-50	THE GREEN GREY 31 (Mrs B Martin) W Muir 8-0	Martin Dwyer (3)	87

BETTING: 4-1 Valagalore, 11-2 Protocol, 13-2 Ibn St James, 8-1 Madame Chinnery, Mystic Ridge, Here's To Howie, Top Shelf, 10-1 others.

1996: ATLANTIC MIST 8-0 G Bardwell (7-1) B Millman 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

MADAME CHINNERY 2¾l 4th of 17 to Bold Words in nursery at Newmarket (1m, good) with IBN ST JAMES (4lb better off) 16l 17th. VALAGALORE 6¼l 3rd of 11 to Winter Garden in maiden at Thirsk (1m 4f, firm).
MYSTIC RIDGE 42l 9th of 15 to Garuda in maiden at Newbury (1m 2f, soft).
TIME CAN TELL 3¾l to Bold Oriental in handicap at Bath (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start with PROTOCOL further neck 4th and HERE'S TO HOWIE (4lb better off) 12l 7th.
TOP SHELF 9¼l 3rd of 6 to Pinchincha in rated stakes at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to soft) on penultimate start with TIME CAN TELL (5lb worse off) further 22l 5th. THE GREEN GREY 31l 17th of 19 to Konconnara Star in handicap at Leicester (1m, good to soft).
Selection: VALAGALORE

7.20 NATIONAL STAKES
(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,386: 5f 6yd) (6 runners)

SKY

1	(2)	11	BLUERIDGE DANCER 27 (D,F) (A Cantillo) B Meehan 9-5	O Peslier	[illegible]
2	(5)	1	POOL MUSIC 12 (D,F) (Mrs C Parker) R Hannon 9-1	R Hughes	84
3	(6)	011131	BANNINGHAM BLADE 15 (D,F,S) (Crown Select) R Ivory 8-12	Martin Dwyer	98
4	(4)	1	NADWAH 11 (D,S) (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-12	R Hills	91
5	(3)	31	STATELY PRINCESS 57 (D,F) (S Crown) M Channon 8-10	T Quinn	86
6	(1)	31	DANYROSS 13 (D,G) (Mrs J Magnier) A P O'Brien (Ire) 8-7	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 7-4 Danyross, 4-1 Blueridge Dancer, 9-2 Nadwah, 5-1 Pool Music, 7-1 Stately Princess, 8-1 Banningham Blade.

1996: DEADLY DUDLEY 9-1 M J Kinane (7-4 fav) R Hannon 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUERIDGE DANCER beat Conectis 2l in 7-runner conditions race at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with BANNINGHAM BLADE (2lb better off) further neck 3rd. POOL MUSIC beat Compradore 1¼l in 8-runner maiden at Salisbury (5f, good to firm). NADWAH beat Pacifica 1¼l in 5-runner conditions race at Newbury (5f, good to soft). STATELY PRINCESS beat Cazambo ¾l in 4-runner maiden at Newcastle (5f, good to firm). DANYROSS beat Lady Alexander 3½l in 6-runner maiden at Navan (5f, yielding to soft).
Selection: DANYROSS (nap).

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McCoy excels

TONY McCOY, the champion jockey, completed a 77-1 five-timer at Uttoxeter yesterday on Glamanglitz, Strike-A-Pose, Doualago, Northern Starlight and Nordic Breeze, the last three for Martin Pipe.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) D-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

7.50 BRIGADIER GERARD STAKES
(Group III: £18,840: 1m 2f 7yd) (6 runners)

SKY

1	(5)	12240-	POSIDONAS 234 (G,S) (A Christodoulou) P Cole 5-9-1	T Quinn	90
2	(3)	12311-	PREDAPPIO 220 (F,G) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-1	L Dettori	83
3	(1)	/1121-	BOSRA SHAM 220 (D,F,G,S) (W Said) H Cecil 4-9-0	K Fallon	[illegible]
4	(2)	100-01	CENTRE STALLS 13 (C,F,G,S) (A Pye-Jeary) R Johnson Houghton 4-8-10	J Reid	93
5	(4)	0000-5	HENRY THE FIFTH 24 (S) (A Richards) C Britain 4-8-10	B Doyle	73
6	(6)	/2-010	ROCKY OASIS 12 (D,S) (Maktoum al-Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-10	O Peslier	68

BETTING: 8-11 Bosra Sham, 9-2 Predappio, 7-1 Posidonas, Centre Stalls, 14-1 Rocky Oasis, 25-1 Henry The Fifth.

1996: PILSUDSKI 4-8-10 Pat Eddery (11-2) M Stoute 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

POSIDONAS 18l last of 10 to Diplomatic Jet in Grade I Turf Classic Invitational at Belmont Park (1m 4f, good). PREDAPPIO beat Sanoosea 1l in 7-runner group II Blandford Stakes at The Curragh (1m 3f, yielding to soft).
BOSRA SHAM beat Halling 2½l in 6-runner group I Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). CENTRE STALLS beat Prince Babar 2½l in 14-runner listed handicap at York (1m, good). HENRY THE FIFTH 7l 5th of 6 to Germano in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). ROCKY OASIS 16l 11th of 12 to Give Me A Ring in handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good).
Selection: BOSRA SHAM

8.20 LILLIAN & MARTIN WHITE MAIDEN STAKES
(£3,696: 1m 2f 7yd) (18 runners)

SKY

1	(6)	4-4	BEAR HUG 17 (L Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-9-11	A Clark	73
2	(14)	60-	BONANZA PEAK 215 (G Oram, J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-11	R Cochrane	—
3	(8)	65	BURN OUT 4 (The Al Yancy Partnership) J Pearce 5-9-11	M Wigham	75
4	(13)	3	HEIGHT OF HEIGHTS 17 (Mrs D Haynes) Lady Herries 4-9-11	J Reid	79
5	(12)	0	JOLI'S SON 17 (C Buckerfield) M Haynes 4-9-11	T Quinn	—
6	(9)	/30-06	MOON COLONY 8 (Mrs B Lazarus) Lady Herries 4-9-11	D O'Shea	75
7	(7)		CAPSOFF 31J (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-9-6	N Adams	—
8	(17)	6	BEVIER 24 (S Manana) C Brittain 3-8-11	B Doyle	—
9	(1)	4-2	BOLD DEMAND 24 (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 3-8-11	L Dettori	[illegible]
10	(4)	0	EXPIALIDOCIOUS 15 (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 3-8-11	N Day	—
11	(2)	3	MACHIAVELLI 31 (F Salman) H Cecil 3-8-11	K Fallon	86
12	(16)	336-	OLIVO 211 (J Harrison) C Horgan 3-8-11	Paul Eddery	84
13	(10)	0	PARDAN 15 (D Egan, T Stuart) B Palling 3-8-11	T Sprake	—
14	(3)	2-2	SHAYA 12 (BF) (H al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-11	R Hills	98
15	(11)		TAROGEN (D Wayte) K Burke 3-8-11	W J O'Connor	—
16	(18)		DANCING FEATHER (Mrs H Theodorou) B Hills 3-8-6	M Hills	—
17	(5)	5-	GRACEFUL LASS 230 (A Bodgell) D Loder 3-8-6	K Darley	81
18	(15)	0-2	HACHIYAH 17 (H al-Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-6	G Carter	83

BETTING: 6-4 Shaya, 9-2 Bold Demand, 5-1 Machiavelli, 8-1 Hachiyah, 12-1 Height Of Heights, 14-1 Bear Hug, 16-1 Dancing Feather, Graceful Lass, 20-1 others.

1996: SHANTOU 3-8-11 L Dettori (4-5 fav) J Gosden 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOON COLONY 12¾l 6th of 10 to River Pilot in maiden at Bath (1m 2f, good to soft). BOLD DEMAND 3l 2nd of 6 to Single Empire in maiden at Newmarket (1m 4f, good) with BEVIER (3lb worse off) distant last. MACHIAVELLI 2½l 3rd of 16 to Tarassa in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to soft). OLIVO 15½l 6th of 18 to Maylane in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good to soft). SHAYA 3½l 2nd of 6 to Symonds Inn in conditions race at York (1m 2f 85yd, good). GRACEFUL LASS 6l 5th of 13 to Fascinating Rhythm in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good). HACHIYAH 3l 2nd of 12 to Gentilesse in maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, soft) with HEIGHT OF HEIGHTS (1lb better off) 6l 3rd and BEAR HUG (1lb better off) further 3l 4th.
Selection: MACHIAVELLI

8.50 EFFINGHAM HANDICAP
(£3,501: 1m 6f) (13 runners)

1	(8)	0200-0	ARCTIC FANCY 13 (D,G) (The Cool Customers) P Harris 4-10-0	J Reid	88
2	(9)	3231-0	RENZO 22 (F) (K Buchanan) Mrs A Perrett 4-9-13	A Clark	91
3	(11)	04144-	ACADEMY HOUSE 174J (F) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-10	T Quinn	—
4	(1)	140/00	HAROLDON 29 (F,G) (Lamb Brook Associates) B Palling 8-9-9	T Sprake	—
5	(2)	6413-5	CASUAL WATER 23 (F,G) (G Leatham) A Newcombe 6-9-8	S Drowne	94
6	(4)	0-0303	MIDYAN BLUE 13 (CD,BF,G) (K Pakes) J Eustace 7-9-7	R Cochrane	90
7	(5)	450-06	BURNT OFFERING 22 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-9-4	B Doyle	91
8	(3)	4025-0	BELMARITA 28 (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 4-9-2	N Adams	98
9	(13)	4330-2	SERIOUS TRUST 12 (F) (P Allen) Mrs L Jewell 4-8-13	Sophie Mitchell (5)	98
10	(7)	111304	HATTAAFEH 59 (G) (Mrs P Sheen) Miss B Sanders 6-8-11	S Sanders	[illegible]
11	(10)	10-006	CHRIS'S LAD 17 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S McCarthy) B Meehan 6-8-11	K Darley	93
12	(12)	-00002	ARCADY 10 (F,G) (J Henderson) J L Harris 4-8-1	R Ffrench (5)	97
13	(6)	00040-	VERONICA FRANCO 33J (G Boyer) R Ingram 4-7-10	D O'Shea	91

Long handicap: Veronica Franco 7-6.

BETTING: 7-2 Academy House, 5-1 Midyan Blue, 13-2 Serious Trust, 7-1 Arctic Fancy, 8-1 Hattaafeh, 10-1 Renzo, Burnt Offering, Belmarita, 12-1 others.

1996: WORLD EXPRESS 6-8-1 B Doyle (12-1) B Millman 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ACADEMY HOUSE 12¾l 4th of 15 to Mitonfield in handicap at The Curragh (2m, yielding to soft). CASUAL WATER 8¾l 5th of 7 to Rising Spray in handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good to firm). MIDYAN BLUE ¾l 3rd of 15 to Turnpole in handicap at York (1m 6f, good) with ARCTIC FANCY (4lb better off) 20l 11th. BURNT OFFERING 17½l 6th of 9 to Polar Champ in handicap at Doncaster (1m 2f 60yd, good to soft).
SERIOUS TRUST 3½l 2nd of 14 to Mazurek in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). HATTAAFEH 3¼l 4th of 10 to Inchcailloch in handicap at Kempton (2m, good). CHRIS'S LAD 20l 6th of 20 to Dkab in handicap at Beverley (2m, soft) with ARCADY (3lb better off) 53l 17th.
Selection: HATTAAFEH

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	4	8	50.0	G Carter	10	48	20.8
Lady Herries	8	36	22.2	L Dettori	38	189	20.1
J Fanshawe	12	62	19.4	Dane O'Neill	9	65	13.8
D Loder	7	37	18.9	T Quinn	24	185	13.0
H Cecil	13	75	17.3	J Reid	24	197	12.2
I Balding	15	91	16.5	M Hills	12	109	11.0

Champagne celebration for Lowther at Redcar

AFTER four years with a licence and just six winners, Carl Lowther, the apprentice, enjoyed his biggest success when Champagne Prince landed the £20,000-added Tote Zetland Gold Cup at Redcar yesterday.

Setting out to make all the running, as they had done successfully in a handicap at Newmarket's Guineas meeting, the combination, starting at 6-1, held a length lead entering the last of the contest's ten furlongs. In the dash to the line, Wafir, third in the race last year, and Angel Face eroded the leader's advantage but Champagne Prince held the pair by a neck and half a length.

Lowther, who joined Jack Berry in 1991 and still works at Cockerham, was given the mount on Champagne Prince by trainer Peter Harris after impressing him with his riding of Utmost Zeal at Leicester, even though they finished unplaced.

Berry was also in the winner's enclosure when Sandside defied Angel Hill by a short head in the Yarm Novice Auction Stakes to give the stable its tenth success in the last fortnight. "We had a bit of a slow start but they are on fire now," Alan, the trainer's son, said.

Michael Roberts drove Tailwind to a short-head win over Bongo in the Stokesley Median Auction Maiden Stakes and narrowly failed to complete a double in the Rose Garden Handicap in which his mount, Domappel, finished second to the Jimmy Fitzgerald-trained Campaspe, favourite at 11-4.

At Wetherby, Richard Johnson crowned a memorable first season as a fully fledged jockey when recording his hundredth winner. Johnson, 19, reached the landmark on the John Curtis-trained Lepton, who won the Moorside Landrover Centre Novices' Chase by a comfortable four lengths.

Johnson, champion conditional rider last season with 53 winners, said: "My aim was to better last season's score — everything else has been a bonus. The highlights would have to be riding two winners at Aintree on Forest Ivory and Midnight Legend, and also winning on Midnight Legend at Punchestown. He is the best horse I have ridden this season."

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

2.30 Jhazi. 3.00 The Honourable Lady. 3.30 Faithful Son. 4.00 Shining Example. 4.30 Princess Of Hearts. 5.00 Nick Of Time.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 FAITHFUL SON.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.30 SHARNFORD CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,889: 5f 218yd) (4 runners)

1	151-	IMROZ 246 (C,D,F,G) H Cecil 9-2	K Fallon 2
2	04-0	JHAZI 38 (B,F) D Loder 9-1	L Dettori 4
3	301-	WOLF MOUNTAIN 230 (D,G) R Hannon 9-1	Dane O'Neill 1
4	01	SOVIET LEADER 18 (D,G) R Guest 8-13	J Reid 3

5-4 Imroz, 11-4 Wolf Mountain, 7-2 Jhazi, 5-1 Soviet Leader

3.00 HATHERN SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,343: 5f 218yd) (6)

1	2361	WHO NOSE 4 (B,D,F) B Meehan 9-2	G Hannon (7) 2
2	00	AVERHAM STAR 8 D Shaw 8-11	J Fanning 3
3	00	MARGARET'S DANCER 15 (B) C Smith 8-11	L Dettori 4
4	06	SIPPING SODA 29 (B) K Ivory 8-6	C Scally 5
5	0	THE HONORABLE LADY 8 M Channon 8-6	T Quinn 1
6	0	ZIG ZAG 31 M Tompkins 8-6	D Biggs 6

15-8 Zig Zag, 5-2 Who Nose, 3-1 The Honorable Lady, 8-1 Sipping Soda, 10-1 Averham Star, Margaret's Dancer

3.30 ABBEY PARK CONDITIONS STAKES
(3-Y-O: £5,011: 7f 9yd) (6)

1	15-6	BACHELORS PAD 22 (B,F) W Jarvis 9-0	L Dettori 1
2	1	FAITHFUL SON 11 (S) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid 3
3	2-00	MUKADDAR 11 (G) C Benstead 9-0	T Quinn 2
4	1602	ROYAL ATY 11 (G) P Kelleway 9-0	G Hind 4
5	1-20	ZA-IM 24 (S) B Hills 9-0	R Hills 6
6	1	MANAZIL 28 (G) R Armstrong 8-9	G Carter 5

2-1 Za-Im, 5-2 Faithful Son, 5-1 Manazil, 11-2 Royal Aty, 8-1 Bachelors Pad, Mukaddar

4.00 FOREST HANDICAP
(£3,509: 1m 1f 218yd) (18)

1	10	KOTA 15 (C,BF,F) J Wharton 4-10-0	L Dettori 9
2	0-00	SHINING EXAMPLE 10 (D,F) P Makin 5-9-10	D Holland 5
3	50-0	ERIC'S BETT 8 (G) P Murphy 4-9-7	S Drowne 17
4	0023	AFRICAN-PARD 88 D Haydn Jones 5-9-4	T Quinn 11
5	0/0-	ABSOLUTELY FAYRE 510 (F) V Soane 6-9-4	G Hind 16
6	3026	CALENDULA 13 (G) D Morley 4-9-4	G Carter 6
7	30-3	PRINCESS DANIELLE 10 (D,F,S) W Muir 5-9-3	J Reid 12
8	04-0	CLASSIC BALLET 10 (F) I Campbell 4-9-2	R Price 10
9	65-0	SALMIM 13 (B,G) S Gollings 4-9-1	Paul Eddery 7
10	60-0	LUCKY BEGONIA 9 W Musson 4-9-0	M Rimmer 14
11	30-0	GULF OF SIAM 56 J Mackie 4-8-13	J Quinn 3
12	2002	SANDMOOR DENIM 9 (C,F,G,S) S Bowring 10-8-6	S Webster 15
13	0351	GOLD DESIRE 6 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-8-6 (5ex)	G Bardwell 18
14	0-32	BENJAMINS LAW 10 (G) J Pickering 6-8-3	R Lappin 4
15	4055	MERCURY 8 (G) J Glover 4-8-1	J Fanning 1
16	0-02	SNOWY MANTLE 16 J Bethell 4-7-11	R Mullen (5) 8
17	00-5	IN A TIZZY 16 A Mulholland 4-7-10	Iona Wands (5) 13
18	0/0-	WOODLANDS LAD TOO 6J P Pritchard 5-7-10	N Adams 2

9-2 Princess Danielle, 5-1 Gold Desire, 13-2 Benjamins Law, Snowy Mantle, 10-1 Shining Example, Sandmoor Denim, 12-1 Calendula, 14-1 others

4.30 WOODHOUSE EAVES CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,595: 1m 8yd) (8)

1	413	HINT OF VICTORY 103 (D,G) M Bell 9-2	T Quinn 4
2	0	CHANGE 11 C Brittain 8-12	D Holland 5
3	0	WHEILDON 35 S C Williams 8-10	S Drowne 2
4	-145	PASTICHE 15 (D,G) T Mills 8-9	J Quinn 1
5	-501	JANGLYNYVE 11 (D,G) S Woods 8-7	L Dettori 6
6	3-10	PRINCESS OF HEARTS 28 (B,D,F) M Pipe 8-7	J Reid 7
7	-042	SOURA 11 P Kelleway 8-7	G Hind 3
8	66-0	VICTORY AT HART 23 D Morris 8-6	N Day 8

11-4 Janglynyve, 4-1 Hint Of Victory, Princess Of Hearts, 9-2 Soura, 8-1 Change, Pastiche, 16-1 Wheildon, 25-1 Victory At Hart

5.00 CORONATION HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,275: 1m 3f 183yd) (12)

1	2102	AS-IS 7 (D,F,G) M Johnston 9-7	D Holland 12
2	00-0	NICK OF TIME 31 J Dunlop 9-7	Paul Eddery 9
3	3-60	GREENWICH FORE 22 T Mills 9-7	G Bardwell 11
4	0-32	MYSTIC QUEST 22 (G) K McAuliffe 9-6	J Reid 6
5	2-34	BONNE VILLE 19 (G) B Palling 9-5	T Sprake 10
6	0-00	PERSIAN BLUE 12 R Hannon 9-4	Dane O'Neill 8
7	00-0	BEAUCHAMP LION 15 J Dunlop 9-3	G Carter 3
8	-664	SCARROTS 15 (F) S C Williams 9-2	S Drowne 5
9	04-3	KUSTOM KIT KLASSIC 15 S Bowring 8-8	S Webster 2
10	4261	TYCOON TINA 8 (S) W M Brisbourne 8-7 (4ex)	R Mullen (5) 1
11	00-6	YANGTZE 57 (B) B Millman 8-6	W J O'Connor 4
12	0-00	HIPPIOS 10 S Dow 8-2	J Quinn 7

9-2 Mystic Quest, 6-1 As-Is, Scarrots, 7-1 Nick Of Time, Persian Blue, Beauchamp Lion, 10-1 Bonne Ville, Tycoon Tina, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; H Cecil, 19 from 72, 26.4%; M Stoute, 15 from 60, 25.0%; P Makin, 6 from 24, 25.0%; J Dunlop, 24 from 122, 19.7%; S Bowring, 5 from 27, 18.5%

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 30 winners from 149 rides, 20.1%; J Reid, 14 from 94, 14.9%; Dane O'Neill, 6 from 42, 14.3%; G Carter, 12 from 102, 11.8%; T Quinn, 16 from 141, 11.3%; K Fallon, 9 from 81, 11.1%

HEXHAM

THUNDERER

6.35 Pappa Charlie. 7.05 The Next Waltz. 7.35 Royal York. 8.05 Bitacrack. 8.35 Barton Heights. 9.05 Cottage Prince.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.35 BUCHANAN HIGH LEVEL BROWN ALE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,445: 2m 4f 110yd) (6 runners)

SKY

1	2001	JERVAULX 22 (G,S) G Richards 6-11-12	P Carberry
2	404	BUCKLEY HOUSE 17 J Charlton 5-11-0	T Reed
3	63-	EMPEROR'S MAGIC 528 N Mason 6-11-0	R Guest
4	3321	PAPPA CHARLIE 17 (C,F) C Parker 6-11-0	B Storey
5	0PB5	WEAPONS FREE 17 T Tate 6-11-0	R Garritty
6	PP	WITH RESPECT 10P F Walton 6-11-0	K Johnson

5-4 Jervaulx, 6-4 Pappa Charlie, 6-1 Emperor's Magic, 10-1 Buckley House, 20-1 Weapons Free, With Respect

7.05 KELLYS LAGER MAIDEN CHASE
(£2,733: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

SKY

1	P036	ARISTODEMUS 18 (B) Mrs L Marshall 8-11-3	K Johnson
2	P003	BANNER YEAR 24 T Carr 6-11-3	P Niven
3	P4P3	BILLY BUOYANT 10P F Walton 9-11-3	T Reed
4	6006	CHARLVIC 57 W Cunningham 7-11-3	L McGrath (7)
5	5FFP	CHILDSWAY 18 (F,G) S J Robinson 9-11-3	Mr C Mulhall
6	0F4F	FORT ZEDDAAN 66 Mrs S Smith 7-11-3	R Guest
7	3-P0	ROSTINO 25 J Wade 8-11-3	P Carberry
8	2533	SOVEREIGNS MATCH 3 B Mactaggart 9-11-3	B Storey
9	P4U5	SUPERMARINE 17 G Mactaggart 11-11-3	G Lee
10	465P	THE ENERGISER 13 (B) D Lamb 11-11-3	J Burke
11	3600	THE NEXT WALTZ 119 L Lungo 6-11-3	R Supple
12	-3PP	TWO FOR ONE 34 (G) Miss L Russell 8-11-3	A Thornton
13	P-U5	SINGH SONG 43 F Morgan 7-10-12	D Bentley
14	0335	TACTIX 17 Miss M Milligan 7-10-12	J Callaghan
15	P0F0	MEESONETTE 18 B Ellison 5-10-5	D Parker

7-2 Fort Zeddaan, 9-2 Sovereigns Match, 5-1 Tactix, 7-1 The Next Waltz, 8-1 Billy Buoyant, Two For One, 10-1 Aristodemus, 12-1 others

7.35 KEOGHANS NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,364: 2m) (4)

SKY

1	F131	ROYAL YORK 3 (CD,F,G) G Richards 5-11-11	P Carberry
2	0431	TSANGA 24 (CD,F) G Moore 5-11-8	N Bentley
3	3532	CAUGHT AT LAST 27 Mrs M Reveley 6-11-0	P Niven
4	-520	CHINA KING 20 (D,BF,F) J Fitzgerald 6-11-0	B Storey

5-4 Royal York, 9-4 Caught At Last, 7-2 China King, 5-1 Tsanga.

8.05 LCL PILS HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,756: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

SKY

1	PP12	THE TOASTER 53 (BF,F,G,S) Miss M Milligan 10-11-12	R McGrath (5)
2	44-5	MILS MIJ 24 (CD,F,G,S) T Cuthbert 12-11-11	P Niven
3	2500	LAST REFUGE 27 (CD,F,S) T Carr 8-11-1	T Reed
4	32U3	EXEMPLAR 17 (D,F,G) Mrs S Smith 9-10-11	G F Ryan (3)
5	3303	BITACRACK 244 (D,F,G) J Baker 10-10-7	L O'Hara
6	3346	REVE DE VALSE 31 (F,G,S) R Johnson 10-10-7	K Johnson
7	2363	REBEL KING 25 (F,G) M Barnes 7-10-7	B Storey
8	3322	SHAWWELL 24 (D,F,G) J Charlton 10-10-6	P Carberry

7-2 The Toaster, 4-1 Exemplar, 9-2 Rebel King, 11-2 Mils Mij, 10-1 others

8.35 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,385: 3m) (5)

1	2321	BALLINDOO 20 (D,F,G) R Armson 8-11-10	Mr R Armson
2	3122	BARTON HEIGHTS 18 (BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-6	P Niven
3	0455	DONT FORGET CURTIS 3 Mrs K Lamb 5-10-3	Miss S Lamb (7)
4	-255	NITE SPRITE 18 R Barr 7-10-0	S Taylor (5)
5	PF0U	SHUT UP 24 (B,G) Mrs E Moscrop 8-10-0	E Husband (3)

11-10 Barton Heights, 2-1 Ballindoo, 6-1 Dont Forget Curtis, 12-1 Nite Sprite, Shut Up

9.05 JACK FAWCUS AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
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1	2150	COTTAGE PRINCE 16F (D,G) J J Quinn 4-11-10	R Thornton (3)
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3	1236	RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 27 (D,F,G) S Pittendrigh 8-11-6	R Hale (5)
4	P634	BEAU MATELOT 18 Mrs M Milligan 5-11-5	Miss P Robson (5)
5	6003	DOC SPOT 22P S J Robinson 7-10-9	Mrs D Wilkinson (7)
6	0100	WHITEGATESPRINCESS 3 (F) B Ellison 6-10-8	M H Naughton (5)
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9	0-00	SWANK GILBERT 57 T Cuthbert 11-10-0	Miss H Cuthbert (7)
10	2050	GI MOSS 13 (B) P Haslam 10-10-0	B Harriss (7)

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TRAINERS: J J Quinn, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; L Lungo, 23 from 88, 26.1%; G Richards, 22 from 85, 25.9%; G Moore, 15 from 71, 21.1%; T Carr, 5 from 24, 20.8%; B Ellison, 6 from 32, 18.8%

JOCKEYS: P Carberry, 8 winners from 26 rides, 30.8%; N Bentley, 15 from 50, 30.0%; P Niven, 22 from 96, 22.9%; T Reed, 20 from 112, 17.9%; R Garritty, 10 from 67, 14.9%; A Thornton, 10 from 71, 14.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redcar: 2.45 Canton Ron, 3.15 Brecongill Lad, 3.45 Nickonsun, 4.15 Quest For Best. Hexham: 7.05 The Energiser. Leicester: 2.30 Jhazi, 3.00 Margaret's Dancer, Sipping Soda, 3.30 Bachelors Pad, 5.00 Yangtze. Sandown Park: 6.20 Spirit of Sport, 6.50 Ibn St James.

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RUGBY UNION: LIONS HOOKERS INVOLVED IN ANGRY EXCHANGE DURING TRAINING AS COMPETITION FOR PLACES INTENSIFIES

Border raid ruled out for captain Johnson

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT
IN EAST LONDON

SOUTH AFRICANS will be kept waiting once more for the first appearance of Martin Johnson, the British Isles captain, when the touring side plays Border at the Basil Kenyon Stadium here tomorrow. The Leicester lock will not take his place at the helm until the meeting with Western Province on Saturday and, instead, Rob Wainwright, of Scotland, will lead the Lions into their second match.

There is nothing sinister in Johnson's absence from the first two matches. He, more than most, endured a demanding domestic season, in which he played 44 first-class matches, the last of them the Pilkington Cup final on May 10, and the tour management has given him the opportunity to recharge his batteries. Johnson believes that, because of professionalism, he has had the chance to rest properly between games at home, but recognises the demands that will be made on him here.

Johnson, Wainwright and the captain last Saturday, Jason Leonard, acted as joint-peacemakers during scrummaging yesterday, which erupted at one point in a flurry between the respective hookers, Mark Regan and Barry Williams. Effective scrummaging is a *sine qua non* in South Africa and the pack that will take the field tomorrow gave the scrummaging machine a mauling before setting about their colleagues on a training pitch made heavy and slippery by overnight rain, causing players to lose their footing.

A clash of heads was the prelude to the dispute between the hookers, though Fran Cotton, the manager, who was involved in similar training incidents, laughed it off. Cotton could recall his own clashes on Lions tours in 1974 with Sandy Carmichael, the Scotland prop, and with his England colleague, Phil Blakeway, in 1980, while Scots may recall a disagreement between Damian Cronin and Graham Ellis in New Zealand last year.

"It was a pretty intensive session all round, ferocious at times," Cotton said. "Occasionally in these sessions, when there is a lot of pride at stake, you get the odd flare-up, but it remains on the training field. It shows there is healthy competition." The forwards were driven hard by Jim Telfer, the assistant coach, whose concern that they should ruck low and hard brought out the net that Scotland used to ensure players practised playing the ball at a crouch.

The session also brought Tim Rodber five stitches over his right eye, which may yet cost him his place among the replacements. So far, it has not been the best of tours for the Northampton captain, who would have played at Port Elizabeth last Saturday but for an attack of gastroenteritis, and Eric Miller, the baby of the party, will make his first tour appearance at No 8. Doddie Weir will be the only player to start both matches and tomorrow will be alongside three of his Newcastle colleagues — Tim Stimpson, John Bentley and Tony Underwood.

The meeting with Border, who are coached by Ian Snook, once of Bedford, should prove reasonably straightforward, since they are ranked among the lowlier Currie Cup provinces; moreover, they are without Heinrich Fuls, the former South Africa centre, and the 7ft lock, Ricky Minty.

BRITISH ISLES

T Stimpson (Newcastle and England); J Bentley (Newcastle and England), A Bateman (Richmond and Wales), S Gibbs (Swansea and Wales), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); P Grayson (Northampton and England), A Healey (Leicester and England); G Rowntree (Leicester and England), M Regan (Bristol and England), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), R Wainwright (Watsonians/Army and Scotland, captain), G Weir (Newcastle and Scotland), J Davidson (London Irish and Ireland), N Back (Leicester and England), E Miller (Leicester and Ireland)

DAVID ROGERS / ALLSPORT

Williams and Regan are separated by their British Isles colleagues after the flare-up during scrummaging practice in East London yesterday

Dawson poised to leap ahead of the pack

David Hands talks to the former England scrum half hoping for the opportunity to make his mark with the British Lions

Whether they are conscious of it or not, the British Lions have revived an old tradition in bringing three scrum halves with them to South Africa. Their predecessors of 1924, 1938 and 1955, believing that half backs were most at risk on the lengthy tours of those days, carried their own insurance with them and now the professional era has sustained their belief.

On the last of those tours, 42 years ago, a young uncapped Northampton player made up the trio alongside more experienced colleagues Johnny Williams, from Old Millhillians, and Trevor Lloyd, from Maesteg — yet it was Dickie Jeeps who struck up so rewarding a partnership with Cliff Morgan that he played in all four internationals and went on to make more appearances for the Lions — 13 in three tours — than any other Englishman.

Should another Northampton scrum half, Matthew Dawson, emulate Jeeps in leapfrogging the apparent order of merit that exists on this Lions tour, it would be a remarkable achievement, but no player would rule himself out of international contention — and certainly not Dawson.

Robert Howley, of Cardiff, is the obvious first choice and, since he ended the season as the England scrum half, Austin Healey, of Leicester, ranks second and receives his chance to impress against Border tomorrow. It is likely that Dawson, 24, will take the field at some stage at the Basil Kenyon Stadium, all being well, and he may feel that he has a point to make not only to the tour management, but to England in Argentina.

Dawson's ambition at the start of last season was a place on the Lions tour, yet, by mid-season, he had been dropped by England, ranked no higher than fourth in the country and was out for ten weeks with damaged knee ligaments.

He said: "Being dropped by England [against Italy, last November] came like a bolt from the heavens and I learnt never to presume anything. I had not been happy with my five appearances for England the season before because I was asked to play in a way that was different to the way I played for Northampton or the Midlands. But, at the beginning of last season, I was playing well and felt I warranted, as the man in possession, another bite at the cherry."

Dawson's frustration was increased by the fact that his international season left him labelled as a scrum half who only kicked or passed, whereas England's more fluid approach of last season would have suited his all-round game admirably. He rates decision-making as his strongest asset, which brings his other qualities into play, be they the basics or the ability to break solo or link with back row and blind-side wing. He is even adding goal-kicking to his skills.

"I watched England play Italy and felt that was the way I had been playing for the last two years," Dawson said, but it hardened him mentally and created an awareness that the only way in which he could influence the situation was to play as effectively as possible for Northampton and leave others to judge his qualities against those of Healey, Kyran Bracken and Andy Gomarsall.

Had he played for another club, even that might not have been enough, but around him were Gregor Townsend, Paul Grayson, Tim Rodber and Nick Beal — all now Lions colleagues — and Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby and coach to the Lions. "I would like to think that I would have been selected anyway, because the Lions were watching a lot of club rugby," Dawson said, "but I do think that the understanding with Gregor and Paul helped, because there is no need of an education with them.

"Rob has set the standard this season, but I reckon I am on a par with Austin and it is up to me to take the opportunities if and when they arise." Jeeps, clearly, would say Amen to that.

Diprose inspired by Hill's climb

FROM MARK SOUSTER
IN BUENOS AIRES

THERE is a misconception abroad that, in the absence of the British Isles contingent, an England cap on this tour of Argentina will somehow be devalued currency, the loose change of international rugby. It is not a feeling shared by Tony Diprose, who today leads the side against Argentina A — a match that marks the halfway point of the tour — in the knowledge that, if he performs well, he could make his full debut for his country on Saturday.

Diprose, 24, has sat and watched, with pleasure — but perhaps a tinge of envy as well — as Richard Hill, his fellow Saracen, solved England's problem at open-side flanker. The No 8, a Loughborough graduate, has an opportunity now to make up lost ground in one of two positions about which there would appear to be some doubt with the first international only five days hence. The other concerns a second-row partner for Nigel Redman.

Phil de Glanville, the tour captain, accepts that performances this afternoon at the Buenos Aires Cricket and Rugby Club, where England lost so narrowly three days ago, could still influence selection for Saturday. "In some respects, what happens tomorrow will determine our team," he said. "Ideally, we would like to win, but defeat would not be a complete and utter disaster as far as building for the internationals is concerned. Those are the most important games."

Daren O'Leary, Matt Allen and Danny Grewcock, the three players who have not featured previously, will all start their first matches, as will Martin Corry, Mark Mapletoft and Jos Baxendell, who came on as replacements against Buenos Aires.

Mapletoft, who plays at full back, will have an opportunity to exorcise the kicking demons that saw him miss four potentially match-winning kicks at goal. The more Mapletoft's head came up, the more England's dropped collectively, but the videos have been studied closely and both Mapletoft and Alex King now appreciate what rugby at this level entails.

Acquaintance will be renewed with Jose Cilley, the Buenos Aires stand-off half, whose 18 points with the boot and tactical kicking proved England's undoing at the weekend.

A victory today would be a commendable achievement: defeat would not be the end of the world, as long as the internationals are won, and, on that score, De Glanville now believes that such is the strength in depth of English rugby that, whatever team is put out against Argentina here, it would be more than a match for England's Lions. Now there is a thought.

ENGLAND XV (v Argentina A): M Mapletoft (Gloucester); D Rees (Sale), J Baxendell (Sale), M Allen (Northampton), D O'Leary (Harlequins); A King (Wasps), A Gomarsall (Wasps); K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), D Garforth (Leicester), M Corry (Bristol), M Haag (Bath), D Grewcock (Coventry), R Jenkins (Harlequins), A Diprose (Saracens). Replacements: K Bracken (Saracens), N Greenstock (Wasps), J Mallinder (Sale), R Hardwick (Coventry), P Greening (Gloucester), S Ojomoh (Bath).
Referee: J Kaplan (South Africa)

Serevi signs for Leicester

BY PETER BILLS

LEICESTER have added to the debate over the number of foreign players in English rugby by signing two of Fiji's triumphant World Cup seven-a-side team on three-year contracts.

Waisale Serevi, 29, and Marika Vunibaka, 22, are the Pilkington Cup-holders' latest overseas recruits, joining Joel Stransky, the former South Africa stand-off half, at Welford Road.

Bob Dwyer, the Leicester coach, elated yesterday at luring the Pacific islanders to the Midlands in one of the most unlikely transfers of the sport's burgeoning professional era, talked of Serevi as "one of the world's geniuses of the game".

Vunibaka, he said, although not yet capped at the 15-a-side game, had been described to him by the coach of the New Zealand sevens team as "possibly the quickest player in world rugby".

Dwyer admitted that he was thrilled to have signed two players of such ability: "I have been trying to get Serevi for more than a year, but he was under contract in Japan. When the chance came, I took it, because I figured that if a genius is available, you should sign him and then worry about where you are going to play him." For the record, Serevi himself indicated yesterday that his favourite position was full back.

Dwyer called Vunibaka — who, like Serevi, played for the World XV against Wasps at Twickenham on Saturday — a gem, commenting: "He is outstandingly fast and powerful, already one of the best wings in the world."

Serevi: enormous talent

The Leicester coach was forthcoming about the issue of the domestic game being flooded by overseas players. "You only have to look at English soccer to see how overseas players have helped it improve out of sight. What we need is a market forces system, which brings everyone up to a higher level."

The former Australia coach had two Fijians under his charge at Randwick, his Sydney club, and says that he feels better qualified than many to comprehend the relaxed Fijian mind. Nevertheless, the signings must be something of a gamble. Serevi is known principally as a sevens player, but Dwyer insisted: "I just don't agree he can only play that game. This guy is a freak, able to play almost anywhere behind the scrum. He will strengthen our squad hugely."

☐ Jeff Wilson, the New Zealand wing, scored five tries as the New Zealand Academy beat the Irish development XV 74-15 in Auckland yesterday.

CYCLING

Walker drops tuck in title attempt

BY PETER BRYAN

HARRY WALKER, the silver medal-winner in the recent British ten-mile time-trial championship and among a handful of favourites for the 25-mile title at Yarm on Sunday, has abandoned his plan to use the tuck position, inspired by Graeme Obree, in the event.

Although the position is not banned, Walker has been told that several riders objected to his machine, complaining that his use of it was "unfair" when he finished second to Jon Clay in the ten-mile championship two weeks ago.

"I'm not now prepared to risk possible disputes after all the effort I have put into my preparation," Walker said yesterday after winning his fourth event, the Stockton Wheelers' 25-mile time-trial, in six days.

Late last week, his bike underwent significant "surgery": the original 17in top tube (crossbar) was removed and replaced by one 22in in length, with the headset drastically modified to accommodate it. The result is that, by fitting tri-bars, his arms are stretched forward, preventing him from adopting the "tuck" style. After his victory yesterday, Walker found that the machine was not as responsive as the former design.

Obree is not defending his 1996 title, but Andy Wilkinson, Geoff Platts and Les Palmer were all winners yesterday in their last events before the championship.

In the Giro d'Italia yesterday, Mario Cippolini, of Italy, gained his fourth stage victory, again just beating his fellow countryman, Endrio Leoni, to the finish line. Cippolini, who has made a habit out of winning closing sprints, added the tenth leg to wins in the first, second and fourth. He has 20 Giro d'Italia stage wins to his credit in all.

Most of the riders finished close behind and Pavel Tonkov, of Russia, the defending champion, retained the leader's pink jersey. Today is a rest day.

MOTOR RACING

Hill still waits for Arrows to hit target

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

ONLY one pair of eyes did not glance up to acknowledge the familiar little figure taking a short cut through his garage. Frank Williams has wasted no sentiment on himself, so why should he spare a thought for one of his many ex-world champions? Besides, Williams had other things on his mind — the dominance of his next potential world champion, Jacques Villeneuve, and the meandering of his new signing, Heinz-Harald Frentzen.

Damon Hill stopped and chatted to a few of his old friends anyway before trudging reluctantly back down the pitlane to the team that he had claimed late last week bore no comparison to Fred Karno's Army. Hill had just brought his Arrows coasting to a halt after 19 laps of the Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona right in front of the Williams garage. At roughly the same time, Frentzen was complaining bitterly about the undriveability of his Williams. That, Hill's neat piece of car parking seemed to suggest, is the meaning of undriveable.

The Spanish Grand Prix was another wretched weekend for the world champion, who has yet to finish a race for his new team. One team is always the butt of the paddock jokes and it will not amuse Hill that this year that team is Arrows. On Friday, they forgot to tell him what practice lap he was on and Hill overshot the regulation number of 30 laps to incur a one-lap qualifying penalty. It started a whole new round of jokes about the Arrows abacus.

On the scale of disasters at Arrows, it was not a big deal, but with each mistake the embarrassment mounts and the defence becomes ever more hollow. Never the soul of patience, Hill must be beginning to feel desperate at the lack of progress in the development of the car and the Yamaha engine.

At least his boss, Tom Walkinshaw, has kept a sense of humour. "We never usually have to bother about counting," he said when asked about the 31 laps. Yet his face suggested that someone would pay in the morning.

Hill: unhappy

The unpalatable fact for Hill, however, is that he has made this bed. A contract was drawn up and awaiting his signature at Jordan until Walkinshaw spirited him away and smooth-talked the world champion into a lucrative deal worth £6 million for the year.

It was underwritten by Pedro Diniz, the team's second driver, whose family owns a chain of Brazilian supermarkets and have reputedly guaranteed prime positions in their stores for the products of Parmalat, another of the Arrows team's main sponsors. The fact that Giancarlo Fisichella posted the fastest lap of the race in Spain, in his Jordan, would not have soothed Hill's rising temper.

The red faces do not stop at the far end of the pitlane. The sight of their world champion struggling around at the back of the field in an uncompetitive car is not one to gladden the hearts of the sport's authorities when they are trying to impress the City with their stock market flotation.

Already, just six races into the season, the silly season has begun. Talk of races in India and Croatia has blended with the usual transfer speculation. Benetton, Prost, even Jordan could make room for the world champion should matters come to a head. There could even be a vacancy back at his old haunt. Villeneuve is locked in protracted negotiations over a new contract with Williams and no one knows better than Hill what sort of treatment a potential world champion can expect in those quarters.

Perhaps he should learn the first verse of the First World War song about Fred Karno: "We are Fred Karno's Army, Fred Karno's infantry. We cannot fight, we cannot shoot, So what damn good are we?"

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LEGAL NOTICES

No. 02311 of 1997
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF SKY TELEVISION LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was presented on 8th May 1997 to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £651,432,000 to £75,000,000

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Registrar of the Companies Court at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 11th June, 1997

ANY creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 27th day of May, 1997.
Herbert Smith,
Exchange House,
Primrose Street,
London, EC2A 2HS
Ref: 147/C413
Solicitors for the above-named Company

The Insolvency Act 1986
LOLA CARS LIMITED
I, P S Dunn of Sherlock Place, London, W1H 3FF give notice that an administration order was made against the above company on 19th May 1997.
Dated 19th May 1997
P S DUNN, Administrator

BEDE & Co Limited
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106, I, P S Dunn of Latham Crossley & Davis, Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, give notice that on 19 May 1997 I was appointed Liquidator by resolutions of members.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 21 June 1997 to send in their full names, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned P S Dunn of Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London, W1H 3FF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.

Note: This notice is purely formal. All creditors have been or will be paid in full.
Dated. 20 May 1997
P S Dunn, Liquidator

SOUTHERN LIFTING SERVICES LIMITED

Registered number: 2149104. Nature of business: Design, manufacture, installation and testing of lifting equipment. Trade classification: 07. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 19 May 1997. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Midland Bank plc, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX.

Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter George Byatt and Peter Richard Copp (office holder no(s) 8277/03 and 1778/01) of BDO Stoy Hayward, 66 Broomfield Road, CHELMSFORD, Essex CM1 1SW.

LANGFIELD PLASTICS LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at: Kingswood House, The Avenue, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BT on 30 May 1997 at 10.30 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act. The purpose of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the Company from a Director and if the Creditors wish to do so, to nominate a Liquidator and appoint a Liquidation Committee. The Resolutions to be taken at this Meeting may include a Resolution specifying the terms on which the Liquidator is to be remunerated, and the Meeting may receive information about, or be called upon to approve, the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the Meeting.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at Kingswood House, The Avenue, Cliftonville, Northampton, NN1 5BT on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above.

DATED: 15.5.97
By Order of the Board
IAN WATERFIELD
Director

The Insolvency Act 1986
QUATRO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 19th May 1997 I, Lynn Gibson was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the company and by the Creditors of the Company. Creditors of the Company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at he following address: 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on or before the 28th June 1997.
LYNN GIBSON, Joint Liquidator

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Charities administered in connection with the Merchant Taylors' Educational Trust
Scheme pooling investments
Reference: TG/58387G1/CD(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Church Society, Dean Wace House, 16 Rosslyn Road, Watford, Herts, WD1 7EY, or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to The Charity Commission, Woodfield House, Tangier, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 4BL quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Charities administered by the Merchant Taylors' Company.
Scheme appointing trustees.
Reference: TG/58387G1A/CD(Ldn)

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CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: The Harrori Foundation
Scheme including remuneration of Trustees
Reference: ALB-61334-CD(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at 72E Leopold Road, London SW19 7JQ or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Henry Smith (Estates Charities)
Scheme authorising the purchase of insurance for Trustees
Reference: AJB/40014/CD(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this Charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Harbottle, Associates, 2 Kentish Buildings, 125 Borough High Street, London SE1 1NP or can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

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CRICKET: BROTHERS WHO HAVE LIFTED ENGLISH GAME PREPARE FOR CHALLENGE OF BENSON AND HEDGES CUP QUARTER-FINAL

Hollioakes must wait before step up to Test arena

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

A SUBLIMELY sunny Bank Holiday bereft of cricket was a profound waste of the spirit of euphoria after England's one-day exploits, but the youth of the country may, at least, have felt a new affinity with the game. In many thousands of make-up matches on beach and parkland yesterday, the Hollioake brothers will have been the subject of the sincerest form of flattery.

Adam and Ben are, of course, the stuff of boyhood dreams. They have talent, looks and that indefinable thing called "attitude". They might have tumbled straight from the surf-sprayed episodes of an Australian soap opera but for the fact that they are presently infuriating that country of their birth by the natural, unaffected aggression of their cricket.

The Hollioakes have done their bit to give England an uplifting start to the Ashes summer. So too have the selectors who chose them and the captain and coach who supported them. From a patriotic viewpoint, things could hardly have begun better.

At the risk of being thought churlish, however, it is important not to be carried away by the events of recent days. England have worked hard on their one-day game and selected a specific squad for the assignment. Australia, underprepared for such an onslaught and undecided in too many important areas, were swept away.

When the five-day cricket begins next week, different criteria will apply to selection. Rightly so. It is no good complaining that England have never taken one-day cricket seriously and then, when they do so with distinction, believing they should be foolish enough to apply the same rules and personnel to Test cricket. It just does not work.

Ben Hollioake will certainly not be included in the first Test, for all the fervent wishes of those who relished his thrilling debut innings at Lord's. There is also no guarantee that a place as a specialist batsman — which is what he must contest — immediately awaits his elder brother. Adam accepts as much, though he would be decidedly unlucky if he did not appear in the squad. For their rarity value as brothers, as much as for the refreshing vigour of their cricket, the Hollioakes will hog the spotlight for a few days more, starting at Chelmsford today, when Adam will captain Ben in a Surrey side taking on a formidable task in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals.

Essex, their hosts, are unbeaten in all cricket this season. They have various areas of concern — Graham Gooch is still not making runs, for one — but possess an attractive blend of ages and accomplishment. At the junior end, Danny Law and Ashley Cowan are making a significant impression.

It is five years since Essex last won a trophy, too long for the liking of the supporters who will pack their compact and well-appointed ground today. But for last-eight opponents, they would ideally have chosen differently. "They don't come much tougher than Surrey," the Essex captain, Paul Prichard, admitted.

Surrey are the best team in England on paper. So far, they have signally failed to show it in the championship, where they have not come close to winning any of their four games, but one-day cricket is their proven territory.

They provided four players — the Hollioakes, Alec Stewart and Graham Thorpe — to England's Texaco Trophy party: Essex, unusually, supplied none. It ought not to be so one-sided today, but I fancy Essex are going to need the belated igniting of Gooch's season if they are to withstand Surrey's capacity to make light of the most forbidding target. Whatever the result, a mouthwatering game is in prospect.

Yorkshire, who threatened to win all three one-day competitions last summer but ended up with none, ought to proceed to another semi-final at the expense of Northamptonshire, whose form has been patchy. Yorkshire are at full strength in their own conditions at Headingley and, perhaps decisively, have the ebullient Darren Gough to lead their attack. Gough currently thinks nothing is beyond him; he may be right.

Warwickshire, who continue to confound all who believe them a spent force, are reinforced by the return of Nick Knight and Ashley Giles at Canterbury. Kent, by contrast, will be without the injured Dean Headley and, having suffered a surprising Sunday defeat to Sussex, their confidence may be sufficiently dented for an away win. The visitors should also prevail at Grace Road, though Somerset will not find it easy against a Leicestershire side now coming to terms with this form of cricket.

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Essex v Surrey
Kent v Warwickshire
Leicestershire v Somerset
Yorkshire v Northamptonshire

THE HOLLIOAKES

Adam

1971: born Melbourne, September 5.
1985: moves to England from Perth with younger brother Ben, mother Daria and father John, an offshore engineer.
1989: taken on Surrey staff and tours Australia with county's Young Cricketers.
1990: tours New Zealand with England Young Cricketers and plays grade cricket for Fremantle in Western Australia.
1992: Surrey debut at one-day level; plays for North Shore in Sydney.
1993: first-class debut for Surrey against Derbyshire, scoring a century.
1996: selected for Texaco Trophy series against Pakistan and appointed captain of England A team to Australia.
1997: appointed captain of Surrey.

Ben

1977: born Melbourne, November 11.
1985: moves to England with family.
1990: selected for England Under-14.
1991: selected for England Under-15.
1992: tours Zimbabwe with Millfield School and tours West Indies with West of England; plays grade cricket for Melville in Australia.
1993: returns to Perth with parents and plays for Melville again.
1994: returns to England after being offered contract by Surrey; plays for Melville.
1996: first-class debut for Surrey; plays for England Under-19 against New Zealand and picked for under-19 tour to Pakistan; plays for North Perth with Adam.
1997: plays for England in Texaco Trophy.

DAVID GILES
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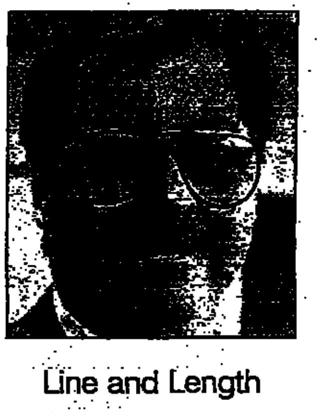
Ben Hollioake in full flow at Lord's, displaying the range and power of the strokes with which he marked his arrival on the international stage

Time for Taylor to rise from ashes

MICHAEL HENDERSON



Line and Length

An Ashes series is upon us, so, as night follows day, there is talk of a captain in peril — only this time the hangman is not setting up the noose for an English head, but for a man who has taken his team to the snow-capped summit of world cricket. As Australia go to Bristol today, to play some first-class cricket that they badly need, the critical hour approaches for Mark Taylor.

At the Oval on Saturday night, as he was interrogated after the second Texaco Trophy defeat, Taylor looked shot to pieces. Like Archie Rice, the music-hall comedian in John Osborne's play, *The Entertainer*, he was "dead behind the eyes". No wonder he gave himself Sunday off. He needs time to regain his equilibrium and if he does not make some convincing runs in the next week, at Bristol or Derby, he will have as much time as any man needs.

Nobody can enjoy the public spectacle of a soul in torment. Taylor has led Australia with imagination and nerve since he took over from Allan Border in September 1994. Australia's present, undisputed top-doggery proves that.

Moreover, he has brought dignity to the job, and to the game in general. He is a manifestly decent man as well as a fine cricketer — but he is now a liability, everybody knows it and his team must be weaker for the knowledge.

The series will begin, therefore, with the best team in the world in a state of considerable uncertainty and an England side of unknown merit in a mood of justifiable optimism. It can all change within a single session of play — Border set the tone of the 1989 series inside two hours on the first day at Headingley — but, for the time being, Michael Atherton can feel almost serene. For the first time in months, people are not talking about him.

Derek Underwood once asked Mike Brearley: "Why do so many players want to be captain?" He had a point. The leader has to play for ten others as well as himself and do so in the relentless world of modern communications, where there is no space to call his own. He is one minute a saint, the next a fraud. His reputation is never fixed. To find two men in such a world so well-adjusted as Taylor and Atherton is remarkable.

Most of us, politicians apart, do not live in this world of intense public judgment. During the recent general election campaign, the dramatist, David Hare, filed a very readable daily diary for a newspaper. In it he observed that "for every person who actually works for a living, there now appear to be ten people whose job is to discourse on the quality of the work".

Among those who have gathered here to discourse on the quality of Taylor's work are Border and two other notable Australia captains, Ian Chappell and Richie Benaud. The fact that Chappell has probably the sharpest brain of any cricket pundit anywhere in the world, with a tongue to match, will not help Taylor much in his distress. Border may incline towards a gentler view, but he still calls a spade a shovel, unless he falls over one.

Hare might have added: "If you are the Prime Minister, the director general of the Royal Opera House or the captain of a Test side, you can multiply that figure of ten a hundredfold. Everybody knows how to do your job better than you do and failure is unforgiveable."

Even when the ball runs for you, captaincy is never a comfortable experience. Atherton, who has sweated blood for England, was last week called a "slowcoach" by one G. Boycott, whose own career, as we know, was rooted in an utter disregard for personal gain. If Napoleon had called Frederick the Great "a bit of a war-monger, in my book", he would have raised fewer eyebrows.

There may be some people rejoicing in the fact that the captain of Australia goes to Bristol holding out a begging bowl. Count me out. If England are to hold their own, or even win, this summer, it will be a more admirable achievement for being done against the best team Australia can put out. If he is making runs — and people here remember him as the opener who made 839 runs in the Test series eight years ago — Taylor captains that side.

Steve Waugh, the while, is limbering up to succeed him. He should, perhaps, remember Walt Whitman's famous poem in tribute to Abraham Lincoln:

O Captain! My Captain!
our fearful trip is done
The ship has weather'd every
rack,
the prize we sought is won.

He should also remember how it ends, as all captain's tales must:

But I with mournful
tread
Walk the deck my Captain
lies
Fallen cold and dead.

Lear takes lead in persuading England not to play the fool

Women's cricket by Sarah Potter

MEGAN LEAR believes that these are exciting times for women's cricket. She should know, having been installed as national coach until after the World Cup in India this winter. Lear was appointed on a temporary basis last summer after the sudden resignation of John Bowen.

Lear's experience as a recent England player should help her to coax more out of the squad. A full-time teacher from Buckinghamshire, she made her debut against Australia in 1976 and played dependably for almost a decade until a car accident blighted her career.

"Cricket has moved on," she said. "We didn't have access to the psychology or fitness ideas that are common now, though we would have been better for it, but having played for England, I do know about the pressure and the importance of mental toughness."

This is a recurring theme. New Zealand all too publicly exposed England's weaknesses in the televised one-day internationals last summer and Lear has been working hard to ensure that South Africa do not do the same in August.

She is particularly well placed to judge the South African sporting psyche, having toured there in 1974-75 to play in the inter-provincial tournament, and she lived there for a time, before a family tragedy brought her home.

"My advantage is that I'm aware of how they play their sport," she said. "They will be highly competitive and organised and, even with their limited experience, they will be a serious challenge."

Any hint of complacency will have been banished in April, when the South Africa indoor side toured here and beat England 3-0. Four of that winning side are in the South Africa outdoor squad.

Before a ball was bowled this season, Lear made a giant stride forward. Disunity plagued England on their tour of India two winters ago, there was a lack of serious competition for places and senior players became disillusioned. That has all changed.

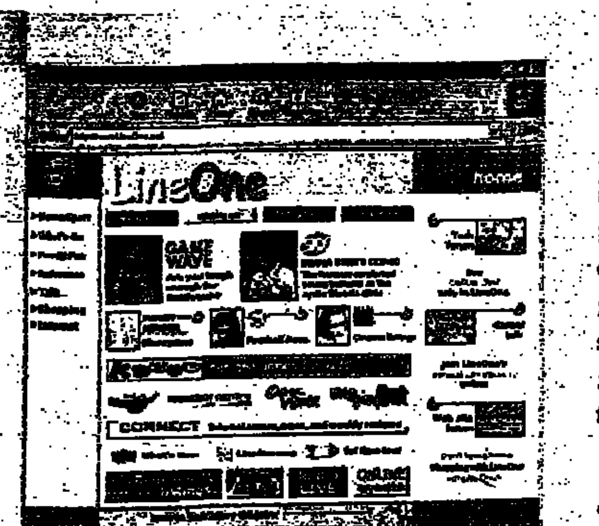
Barbara Daniels, the England vice-captain, explained the new mood: "There has been a very different feel since the first squad training last October. There are lots of new people in the squad, some under-21s coming through and a very positive mood. The coaching has been well run, with lots of different coaches coming to help in specific areas."

The latest is Julian Fountain, a David Leadbetter-type figure for professional cricketers who want to improve their fielding techniques. Baseball-style diving and sliding has made run-saving a thrilling art and the women want to learn.

However, the traditional divided skirts of the women are hardly conducive to diving around on unforgiving outfields. The move towards trousers is gathering momentum. No decision has yet been made by the Women's Cricket Association (WCA), although it has recently been discussed at the National Squads Management meeting.

Many of the nations competing in the World Cup next winter have already confirmed their preference for trousers and the sponsors are also keen for an update. Names on the back of shirts would also help onlookers identify the players. With further television coverage agreed for this summer, there is a rare commercial chance beckoning: the WCA should take it while it can.

Meanwhile, at Wellingborough School today, the players will complete another training weekend. Despite damp and soggy weather, all the top batsmen have been scoring centuries, most notably Charlotte Edwards, who, at 16, last summer became the youngest player to represent England. These are exciting times indeed.



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The ITF players, their points and their values — the final positions

GOALKEEPERS

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10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-12
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+36
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	0
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+31
10302	M Oakes	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+17
10401	T Flowers	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	-7
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4
10501	G Marshall	Celtic	3.50	0	+8
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.00	0	+30
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.00	0	-28
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	3.00	0	-4
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10702	J Filan	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	0	-2
10802	R Hoult	Derby County	1.00	0	-41
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10903	S Dykstra	Dundee United	2.50	0	-2
11001	I Westwater	Dunfermline	0.50	0	-59
11101	N Southall	Everton	2.50	0	-36
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	0	+1
11201	G Rousset	Hearts	2.00	0	-5
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	0	-30
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	+5	-27
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11601	K Poole	Leicester City	1.00	0	-19
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12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	-3
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12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2
12604	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	0	+7
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12801	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	-11
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FULL BACKS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
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20201	L Dixon	Arsenal	3.00	0	+38
20202	N Winterburn	Arsenal	3.00	0	+49
20301	S Staunton	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+43
20302	A Wright	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+67
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20401	H Berg	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+32
20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+30
20403	J Kenna	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+19
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20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	0	+38
20502	T McKinlay	Celtic	3.00	0	+31
20601	D Petrescu	Chelsea	3.00	0	+34
20602	S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0	+10
20604	S Minto	Chelsea	1.00	0	+3
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20703	B Borrows	Coventry City	1.00	0	-10
20704	M Hall	Coventry City	1.00	0	+6
20801	C Powell	Derby County	1.50	0	+8
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20901	M Malpas	Dundee United	1.00	0	+55
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20903	N Duffy	Dundee United	0.50	0	+9
21001	C Miller	Dunfermline	0.25	0	-5
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21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	0	-7
21102	A Hinchcliffe	Everton	2.00	0	+14
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21201	G Locke	Hearts	2.00	0	+25
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21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0	+7
21302	A Dow	Hibernian	1.00	0	+12
21402	G MacPherson	Kilmarnock	0.50	+4	+5
21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	0	+51
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21504	G Halle	Leeds United	1.00	0	+40
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21703	S I Bjornebye	Liverpool	0.50	0	+45
21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00	0	+39
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23002	A Kimble	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+17
23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+30
23004	D Jupp	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
23006	C Perry	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+43

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

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30202	S Bould	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
30203	M Keown	Arsenal	3.00	0	+50
30205	S Marshall	Arsenal	1.00	0	+14
30301	G Southgate	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+44
30302	U Ehiogu	Aston Villa	3.00	0	+75
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+32

Wright, the Kilmarnock goalscorer at Ibrox, was the striker that you should have picked for the last week of ITF

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30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+6
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30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	0	+44
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31701	P Babb	Liverpool	3.50	0	+24
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31704	N Ruddock	Liverpool	3.00	0	+12
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32002	M van der Gaag	Motherwell	0.75	0	+24
32101	P Albert	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+26
32102	S Howey	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+7
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32802	C Calderwood	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+17
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32806	S Nethercott	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-6
32807	R Vega	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+4
32901	S Bilic	West Ham United	2.50	0	+17
32902	M Rieper	West Ham United	2.50	0	+10
32903	S Potts	West Ham United	2.00	0	+6
32904	R Hall	West Ham United	1.50	0	+7
32905	R Ferdinand	West Ham United	0.50	0	+10
33001	A Reeves	Wimbledon	1.00	0	-2
33003	A Pearce	Wimbledon	0.75	0	0
33004	D Blackwell	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33005	B McAllister	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+16
33006	S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0	0

MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+43
40102	S Glass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+24
40103	P Bernard	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+10
40104	I Kiriakov	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+28
40105	T Tzvetanov	Aberdeen	0.50	0	+27
40201	D Platt	Arsenal	4.50	0	+45
40202	P Merson	Arsenal	4.00	0	+57
40203	R Parlour	Arsenal	2.00	0	+26
40204	G Helder	Arsenal	1.50	0	0
40205	I Selley	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
40208	P Vieira	Arsenal	3.00	0	+41
40209	R Garde	Arsenal	2.00	0	+7
40210	S Hughes	Arsenal	2.00	0	+15
40301	M Draper	Aston Villa	4.00	0	+34
40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+51
40303	I Taylor	Aston Villa	2.50	0	+44
40304	G Farrelly	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+1
40306	S Curcic	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+24
40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	0	+40
40402	L Bohinen	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	+29
40403	G Flitcroft	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+35
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+24
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+47
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+9
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+16
40408	S Ripley	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	+5
40409	M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers	0.75	0	0
40501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0	+22

Code	Name	Team	£m	Pts Wk	Ov
40502	A Thom	Celtic	2.50	0	+32
40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+39
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	0	+29
40505	P di Canio	Celtic	3.00	0	+60
40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	0	+19
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	0	+11
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9
40602	D Wise	Chelsea	3.00	0	+47
40604	C Burley	Chelsea	2.00	0	+39
40605	E Newton	Chelsea	2.00	0	+24
40607	D Rocastle	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
40608	R di Matteo	Chelsea	3.00	0	+63
40609	J Morris	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3
40610	P Hughes	Chelsea	2.00	0	+8
40701	J Salako	Coventry City	2.50	0	+32
41501	G McAllister	Coventry City	5.50	0	+62
40702	E Jess	Coventry City	2.00	0	+33
40703	K Richardson	Coventry City	1.50	0	+35
40704	P Telfer	Coventry City	1.50	0	+36
40705	P Williams	Coventry City	1.50	0	+36
40706	M Isaias	Coventry City	0.50	0	0
40707	W Boland	Coventry City	0.25	0	0
40708	M O'Neill	Coventry City	1.50	0	+1
40801	A Asanovic	Derby County	2.00	0	+53
40802	P Simpson	Derby County	1.50	0	+5
40803	R van der Laan	Derby County	1.50	0	+32
40804	D Powell	Derby County	1.00	0	+28
40805	S Flynn	Derby County	0.75	0	+12
40807	G Rowett	Derby County	0.50	0	+42
40809	C Dailly	Derby County	1.50	0	+39
40901	G McSwegan	Dundee United	2.00	0	+33
40902	R Winters	Dundee United	1.50	0	+67
40903	G Johnson	Dundee United	1.00	0	0
42003	J Dolan	Dundee United	1.00	0	+32
42303	J McInally	Dundee United	0.75	0	+21
40904	D Bowman	Dundee United	0.75	0	+26
40905	A Benneker	Dundee United	0.50	0	+2
41001	H French	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+48
41002	C Robertson	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+35
41003	A Smith	Dunfermline	0.75	0	+54
41004	D Fleming	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+30
41102	G Speed	Everton	4.00	0	+66
41104	J Parkinson	Everton	1.50	0	+31
41106	A Grant	Everton	0.50	0	+11
41108	C Thomsen	Everton	2.00	0	+15
41202	A McManus	Hearts	1.50	0	+7
41203	S Fulton	Hearts	1.00	0	+34
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	0	+43
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9
41305	I Cameron	Hibernian	0.75	0	+10
41401	A Mitchell	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+26
41402	J McIntyre	Kilmarnock	1.00	+2	+49
41403	M Skilling	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	0
41404	J Lauchlan	Kilmarnock	0.50	0	+11
41502	L Bowyer	Leeds United	3.00	0	+58
41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	0	+32
41505	R Wallace	Leeds United	1.50	0	+34
41805	L Sharpe	Leeds United	3.50	0	+47
41506	I Harte	Leeds United	1.00	0	+19
41507	M Ford	Leeds United	0.50	0	+19
41508	A Couzens	Leeds United	0.50	0	+8
41510	M Jackson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+10
41601	N Lennon	Leicester City	2.00	0	+37
41602	G Parker	Leicester City	2.00	0	+37
41603	S Taylor	Leicester City	2.00	0	+21
41604	J Lawrence	Leicester City	0.25	0	+4
40606	M Izzet	Leicester City	1.00	0	+48
41701	S McManaman	Liverpool	7.00	0	+59
41702	J McAteer	Liverpool	4.00	0	+48
41703	J Redknapp	Liverpool	4.00	0	+32
41704	J Barnes	Liverpool	3.00	0	+56
41705	M Thomas	Liverpool	2.50	0	+39
41706	M Kennedy	Liverpool	1.00	0	0
41707	P Berger	Liverpool	3.00	0	+31
41801	R Giggs	Manchester United	7.00	0	+43
41802	R Keane	Manchester United	4.50	0	+23
41803	D Beckham	Manchester United	4.00	0	+62
41804	N Butt	Manchester United	3.50	0	+37
41806	B McClair	Manchester United	1.50	0	+11
41807	T Cooke	Manchester United	1.00	0	0
41808	B Thornley	Manchester United	1.00	0	+1
41809	S Davies	Manchester United	0.50	0	0
41810	J Cruyff	Manchester United	2.50	0	+19
41811	K Poborsky	Manchester United	4.00	0	+30
41901	Emerson	Middlesbrough	3.50	0	+44
41902	Juninho	Middlesbrough	3.50	0	+71
41903	C Hignett	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+37
41905	A Moore	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+6
41906	R Mustoe	Middlesbrough	1.00	0	+39
41908	C Liddle	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+6
41909	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1
41910	P Stamp	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+27
42001	C McCart	Motherwell	2.00	0	+16
42002	J Philliben	Motherwell	1.00	0	+14
42004	J Hendry	Motherwell	0.75	0	+4
42005	S Valikari	Motherwell	3.00	0	+11
42101	D Ginola	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+24
42102	R Lee	Newcastle United	5.50	0	+47
42103	K Gillespie	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+28
42104	D Batty	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+32
42105	L Clark	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+24
42107	D Hamilton	Newcastle United	1.50	0	0
42201	I Woan	Nottingham Forest	4.50	0	+37
42202	S Stone	Nottingham Forest	4.00	0	+2
42203	S Gemmill	Nottingham Forest	2.50	0	+18
42204	C Bart-Williams	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+22
42205	D Phillips	Nottingham Forest	1.00	0	+32
42301	T Rougier	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+33
42302	D Lennon	Raith Rovers	1.00	0	+47
41304	A Millen	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42304	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	0	+26
42401	P Gascoigne	Rangers	7.00	0	+61
42402	B Laudrup	Rangers	5.00	0	+75
42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9
42404	T Steven	Rangers	1.50	0	+8
42405	J Albertz	Rangers	4.00	0	+61
42501	R Blinker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+18
42502	M Pembridge	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+52
42504	G Hyde	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+29
42506	M Williams	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42507	R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42508	S Oakes	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+11
42509	W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday	0.75	0	+13
42510	O Trustfull	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+17
42511	B Carbone	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+41
42512	D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0
42601	J Magilton	Southampton	2.50	0	+46
42604	B Venison	Southampton	1.00	0	0
42606	D Hughes	Southampton	0.50	0	+1
42906	R Slater	Southampton	1.00	0	+25
42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	0	+32
42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6
42611	E Berkovic	Southampton	1.00	0	+33
42701	M Gray	Sunderland	2.50	0	+46
42702	S Agnew	Sunderland	1.50	0	+16
42703	A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0	+14

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42704	P Bracewell	Sunderland	0.75	0	+47
42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50	0	+10
42801	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50	0	+20
42802	R Fox	Tottenham Hotspur	4.00	0	+28
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+39
42804	J Dozzell	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0	+17
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+46
42806	R Rosenthal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50	0	+10
42809	A Nielsen	Tottenham Hotspur	2.50	0	+44
42902	I Bishop	West Ham United	2.00	0	+34
42903	M Hughes	West Ham United	2.00	0	+39
42904	D Williamson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+17
42905	J Moncur	West Ham United	1.50	0	+27
42907	S Lazaridis	West Ham United	0.25	0	+19
42908	S Lomas	West Ham United	2.00	0	+10
43001	R Earle	Wimbledon	4.00	0	+68
43002	O Leonhardsen	Wimbledon	2.50	0	+53
43003	M Gayle	Wimbledon	2.00	0	+69
43004	V Jones	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+38
43005	N Ardley	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+55
43006	S Castledine	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6
43007	P Fear	Wimbledon	0.25	0	+11

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50101	S Booth	Aberdeen	4.50	0	+12
50102	D Shearer	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+7
50103	W Dodds	Aberdeen	5.00	0	+41
50201	I Wright	Arsenal	7.00	0	+71
50202	D Bergkamp	Arsenal	7.00	0	+47
50205	C Kiwomya	Arsenal	0.50	0	0
50206	N Anelka	Arsenal	3.00	0	+1
50301	D Yorke	Aston Villa	7.50	0	+79
50302	S Milosevic	Aston Villa	5.00	0	+46
50304	J Joachim	Aston Villa	2.00	0	+11
50402	K Gallacher	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+56
50404	C Sutton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+42
50405	G Fenton	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+5
50406	N Gudmundsson	Blackburn Rovers	1.00	0	0
50407	P Pedersen	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	+9
50502	J Cadete	Celtic	6.00	0	+92
50303	T Johnson	Celtic	4.00	0	+24
50601	G Vialli	Chelsea	5.00	0	+44
50602	M Hughes	Chelsea	4.00	0	+58
50605	M Stein	Chelsea	0.50	0	0
50606	G Zola	Chelsea	5.00	0	+52
50701	N Whelan	Coventry City	6.00	0	+41
50702	D Dublin	Coventry City	5.00	0	+46
50703	P Ndlovu	Coventry City	3.00	0	+11
52105	D Huckerby	Coventry City	0.50	0	+37
50801	D Sturridge	Derby County	3.00	0	+50
50802	M Gabbiadini	Derby County	2.00	0	+7
50803	A Ward	Derby County	2.00	0	+42
50804	R Willems	Derby County	1.00	0	+19
50903	K Olafsson	Dundee United	3.00	0	+21
51001	A Moore	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+14
51002	S Petrie	Dunfermline	2.00	0	+26
51101	D Ferguson	Everton	6.00	0	+47
51901	N Barmby	Everton	4.00	0	+47
51102	G Stuart	Everton	3.00	0	+38
51105	M Branch	Everton	1.50	0	+18
51201	J Robertson	Hearts	3.50	0	+56
51202	C Cameron	Hearts	3.50	0	+54
51203	D Beckford	Hearts	0.50	0	+4
51301	K Wright	Hibernian	3.00	0	+23
51302	D Jackson	Hibernian	3.00	0	+53
51401	P Wright	Kilmarnock	3.00	+2	+66
51501	A Yeboah	Leeds United	7.00	0	+4
51502	I Rush	Leeds United	3.50	0	+36
51504	B Deane	Leeds United	2.00	0	+41
51506	P Laurent	Leeds United	2.00	0	+2
51507	D Lilley	Leeds United	0.75	0	+4
51601	S Claridge	Leicester City	2.50	0	+58
51602	E Heskey	Leicester City	2.00	0	+48
51603	M Robins	Leicester City	0.75	0	+8
51604	I Marshall	Leicester City	0.75	0	+48
51605	S Guppy	Leicester City	2.00	0	+9
51701	R Fowler	Liverpool	9.00	0	+68
51702	S Collymore	Liverpool	8.00	0	+52
51801	E Cantona	Manchester United	8.50	0	+52
51802	P Scholes	Manchester United	5.00	0	+21
51803	A Cole	Manchester United	4.50	0	+24
51804	O G Solskjaer	Manchester United	3.00	0	+61
51905	F Ravanelli	Middlesbrough	5.00	0	+84
51906	M Beck	Middlesbrough	2.50	0	+42
52001	T Coyne	Motherwell	2.00	0	+54
50902	O Coyle	Motherwell	2.00	0	+38
52002	D Arnott	Motherwell	1.50	0	+18
50401	A Shearer	Newcastle United	10.0	0	+87
52101	L Ferdinand	Newcastle United	8.50	0	+61
52102	F Asprilla	Newcastle United	6.50	0	+24
52103	P Beardsley	Newcastle United	5.00	0	+32
50501	P van Hooijdonk	Nottingham Forest	7.00	0	+49
52201	D Saunders	Nottingham Forest	3.50	0	+45
52202	B Roy	Nottingham Forest	3.00	0	+15
52203	P McGregor	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	0
52204	K Campbell	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+34
52205	J Lee	Nottingham Forest	1.50	0	+7
52206	S Howe	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	0
52207	A Silenzi	Nottingham Forest	0.50	0	+1
52208	I Moore	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+1
52301	P Duffield	Raith Rovers	2.00	0	+35
52401	G Durie	Rangers	6.00	0	+21
52402	E Andersen	Rangers	5.00	0	+35
52403	A McCoist	Rangers	5.00	0	+41
52404	P van Vossen	Rangers	6.00	0	+1
52405	S Rozental	Rangers	4.00	0	+3
52501	D Hirst	Sheffield Wednesday	3.00	0	+26
52502	A Booth	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	0	+59
52504	G Whittingham	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+39
52505	O Donaldson	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	+6
52506	R Humphreys	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	0	+22
52601	M Le Tissier	Southampton	7.00	0	+45
52605	E Ostenstad	Southampton	2.00	0	+55
52606	M Evans	Southampton	0.75	0	+16
52701	P Stewart	Sunderland	1.00	0	+19
52702	C Russell	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52703	D Kelly	Sunderland	1.00	0	+20
52704	L Howey	Sunderland	0.50	0	+8
52705	M Bridges	Sunderland	0.50	0	+16
52708	N Quinn	Sunderland	3.00	0	+10
52709	A Johnston	Sunderland	2.00	0	+6
52801	E Sheringham	Tottenham Hotspur	8.00	0	+36
52802	C Armstrong	Tottenham Hotspur	7.00	0	+19
52803	R Allen	Tottenham Hotspur	0.75	0	+5
52804	S Iversen	Tottenham Hotspur	3.50	0	+32
50203	J Hartson	West Ham United	3.50	0	+29
52903	I Dowie	West Ham United	2.00	0	+17
52104	P Kitson	West Ham United	1.50	0	+34
53001	D Holdsworth	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+27
53002	E Ekoku	Wimbledon	3.00	0	+52
53003	J Goodman	Wimbledon	1.50	0	+8
53004	J Euell	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+9
53005	A Clarke	Wimbledon	0.75	0	+7
53006	M Harford	Wimbledon	0.50	0	+6

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60101	R Aitken	Aberdeen	2.50	0	+31
60202	A Wenger	Arsenal	3.50	0	+47
60301	B Little	Aston Villa	3.50	0	+53
60402	A Parkes	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	0	+25
60501	T Burns	Celtic	4.00	0	+77
60601	R Gullit	Chelsea	2.50	0	+67
60702	G Strachan	Coventry City	1.00	0	+24
60801	J Smith	Derby County	0.75	0	+40
62302	T McLean	Dundee United	0.75	0	+62
61001	W Paton	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+32
61102	D Watson	Everton	2.00	0	-2
61201	J Jefferies	Hearts	2.00	0	+43
61302	J Duffy	Hibernian	1.00	0	+14
61402	R Williamson	Kilmarnock	0.75	+3	+22
61502	G Graham	Leeds United	2.00	0	+33
61601	M O'Neill	Leicester City	0.50	0	+38
61701	R Evans	Liverpool	4.50	0	+62
61801	A Ferguson	Manchester United	5.00	0	+73
61901	B Robson	Middlesbrough	2.00	0	+41
62001	A McLeish	Motherwell	1.50	0	+27
62102	K Dalglish	Newcastle United	4.50	0	+26
62202	S Pearce	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0	+4
62401	W Smith	Rangers	5.00	0	+76
62501	D Pleat	Sheffield Wednesday	1.50	0	+56
62601	G Souness	Southampton	0.50	0	+23
62701	P Reid	Sunderland	0.50	0	+22
62801	G Francis	Tottenham Hotspur	3.00	0	+27
62901	H Redknapp	West Ham United	2.00	0	+26
63001	J Kinnear	Wimbledon	1.00	0	+57

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Consistency rewarded as game goes to extra time

THE TIMES ITF INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL

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BY JAMES WILLOUGHBY

THE great and the good of Interactive Team Football (ITF) met in London on Sunday to receive their awards after an exciting finale to the competition saw the two leading teams finish level on points.

It took the tie-breaking procedure to determine that Sophie And Sam had triumphed over Turner's Earners 5 by dint of having used fewer players, the sides being very closely matched in most other regards.

So it was a relieved Gary Foster, the winning selector, who received the £50,000 winner's cheque from Colin Calderwood, the Tottenham Hotspur and Scotland defender, at the themed London restaurant Football, Football.

The previous day, Foster and the runner-up, Paul Turner, had gone into the final game of the season that counted in ITF, the Tennents Scottish Cup final between Kilmarnock and Falkirk, locked together. They both selected the Kilmarnock manager, Bobby Williamson, but their other transfer was to prove vital.

Foster said: "I toyed with selecting a midfield player but in the end it had to be Paul Wright [a striker] because of his goalscoring record."

Turner opted for Jim McIntyre, a designated Kilmarnock midfield player, who played up front. After 20 minutes of the game, Wright scored and Sophie And Sam took a three-point lead, but the scorer undid his good work when subsequently booked, forfeiting a point.

When the final whistle went, both men's teams had scored the same number of points. The selection of Wright netted Sophie And Sam two points (+2 for goal, +1 for appearance, -1 for booking), the same total accrued from McIntyre by Turner's Earners 5 (+1 for appearance, +1 for clean sheet). Both sides had 827 points and the tie-breaking procedure was invoked.

Cadete, the Celtic forward, was the leading player in Interactive Team Football, scoring a grand total of 92 points

"Five or six clean sheets after Christmas made a big difference for me," Foster said, "and individually the contributions of Matt Elliott, of Leicester, and Paul Kitson, of West Ham, were invaluable."

Like all who excel at ITF, Foster surrendered hours of studying transfer deals, fixture lists and injury news on the way to his prize. A devoted Manchester United follower, from one of their unlikelier outposts in Hull, he did not find a smooth transition to success in ITF. "I played the game last year but didn't do much good as I failed to read the rules properly regarding transfers," he said.

"This season, I formulated the strategy of not taking players out when they are fit and due to make a quick reappearance in a Sunday or Monday game."

For Turner there was much sympathy, as well as the £10,000 prize for the runner-up. Based in Jersey, he had flown over not knowing his fate. "It's annoying to have just missed out, but that's football," he said.

Turner, who works for Midland Bank, invited a colleague, Rob Daniel, to share his team after taking pity on Daniel's ailing fortunes with his own team in another competition.

The two worked in tandem and built their success on a backbone of solid defence provided by players from Leeds United and Aston Villa, Turner's favourite team. The pair enjoyed a "brilliant" January, when they won the manager of the month title, and used players like Jorge Cadete, of Celtic, as a springboard for their ITF challenge.

David Edmondson, of Worthing, took the third prize of £2,500 with his team Edmo Utd, having also won the monthly prize for December. "The ITF is a much better game than the ones in other national newspapers. The transfer system means that it takes real skill to do well," he said.

Calderwood, for his part, marvelled at the close finish and applauded the efforts of all concerned. "This game takes a lot of effort and really increases the interest in the Premiership and in Scottish football, too," he said.

He nominated his fellow central defenders, David May and Ugo Ehiogu, as the best in their position, and Alan Shearer and Les Ferdinand, the Newcastle United pair, as his most feared opponents. "Shearer has no quality finer than his ability to find the net," Calderwood said, "while Ferdinand is big, strong and formidable in the air."

The final weekly winner of the season — with a princely nine points — was Mr R. Lock, of Bath, whose team Locky I win him £250.

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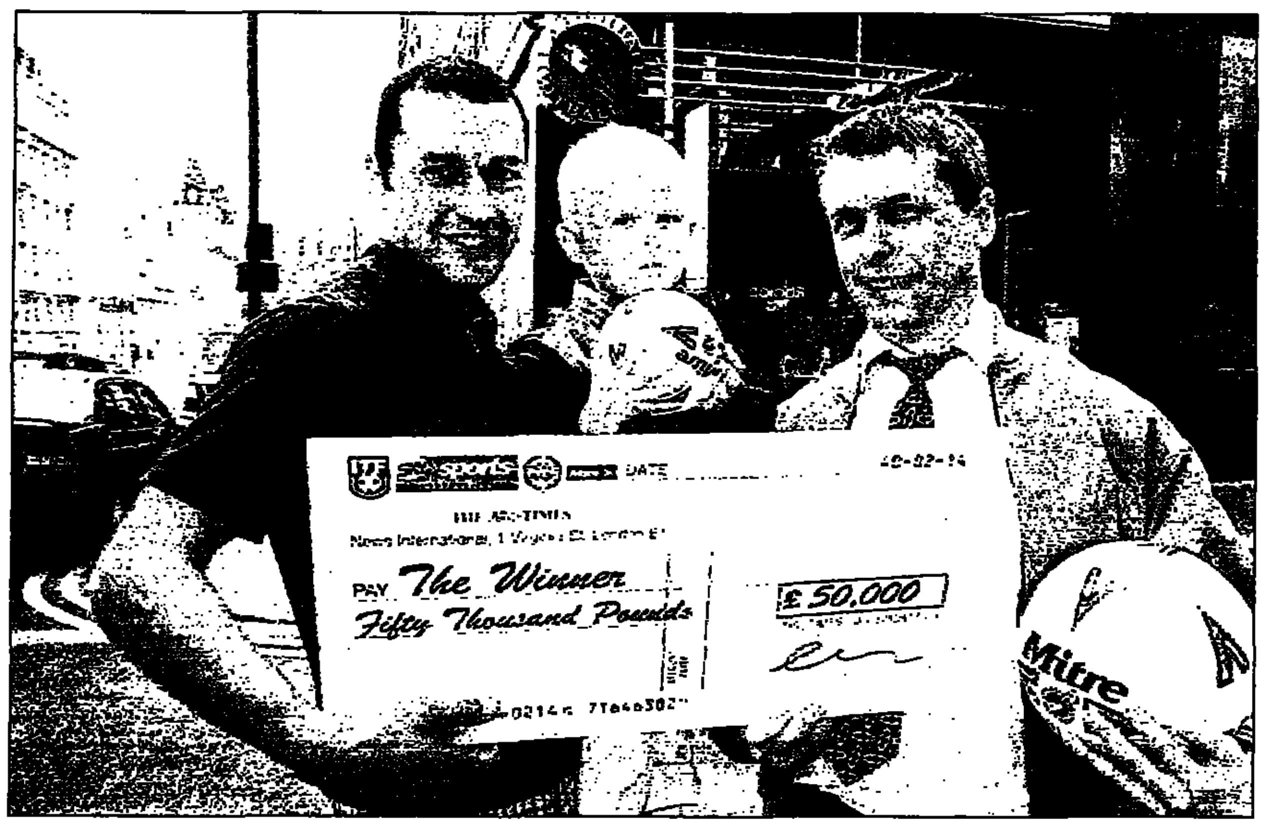

Calderwood, left, congratulates Mr Foster and Sam at the awards ceremony. Photograph: Denzil McNeelance

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Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1=	Sophie And Sam	(G Foster)	827
1=	Turner's Earners 5	(P Turner)	827
3	Edmo Utd	(D Edmondson)	811
4	Jones Boys Three	(M Jones)	805
5	John Hunt Taunton H	(J Hunt)	800
6	Turner's Earners 3	(P Turner)	799
7	Brain's Team	(B Howes)	792
8	Nobby 32	(J Brown)	791
9	Daggers	(V Cox)	790
10	Nobby	(J Brown)	783
11	John Hunt Taunton D	(J Hunt)	780
12	John Hunt Taunton G	(J Hunt)	779
13	Nobby 11	(J Brown)	774
14=	Teddy Three	(B Bear)	773
14=	A	(M Corless)	773
14=	Nobby 4	(J Brown)	773
17	Dour Rangers 3	(I Clayton)	772
18	12 Angry Men	(D Cook)	769
19	Pin Ups Two	(P Tusler)	765
20	Icarus	(B Wells)	764
21	Bob's Boys 2	(R Calder)	761
22	Nonchalont AFC 3	(R J Ward)	759
23	Beeston Celtic	(B McGivern)	755
24	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	754
25	ABC	(M Baber)	753
26=	Waternish FC	(M Kirkwood)	751
26=	Nobby 22	(J Brown)	751
26=	AB 4	(A Boyland)	751
29	Nobby 29	(J Brown)	750
30=	1970 Jr FC	(J Ross)	743
30=	BCFC 1998	(J Bithell)	743
32	Jabberwocky	(P A Amoss)	741
33	Uni Boys Utd 1	(B Gardiner)	737
34=	Partick Bilbao 3	(J Hamilton)	736
34=	Misfits	(R Lockyer)	736
36=	Turner's Earners 1	(P Turner)	734
36=	John Hunt Taunton F	(J Hunt)	734
38	Farr Academicals	(A Kirkwood)	732
39	Storm	(P Mills)	731
40	Nobby 21	(J Brown)	728
41	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	727
42=	Jones Boys Eight	(M Jones)	726
42=	Gestalt	(R Rowe)	726
44=	Nobby 33	(J Brown)	725
44=	JJB Sports	(A Bates)	725
46	Orvieto Classico	(J Bradshaw)	724
47=	Thom Foolery FC	(M Horan)	723
47=	Turner's Earners 4	(P Turner)	723
47=	Midfield Magic	(J Pregon)	723
47=	Man City Free Zone	(D Ingham)	723
51=	You're Not Very Well	(R Laskowiki)	722
51=	Hunter's Mob	(C Hunter)	722
53=	Krystonia 2	(S Roberts)	721
53=	Bob's Boys 4	(R Calder)	721
55=	Inter The Stand	(M Ward)	720
55=	DJS 2	(D Senton)	720
55=	Club18-30 Tossa	(A Robson)	720
58	Brainbows United	(G Weiss)	718
59=	Concrete Banana	(S Mingle)	717
59=	John Hunt Taunton C	(J Hunt)	717
61=	Bladerunners	(P Walters)	716
61=	AFC	(M Baber)	716
63	Tur	(P Turner)	715
64	Noah's Ark	(G P Dolan)	714
65	Skyforest	(A Burton)	713
66=	Where's Ray Gone?	(P Fromm)	712
66=	John Hunt Taunton E	(J Hunt)	712
68	Sam Shanks	(S Shanker)	711
69=	Always Portugal 1	(V Guimaraes)	710
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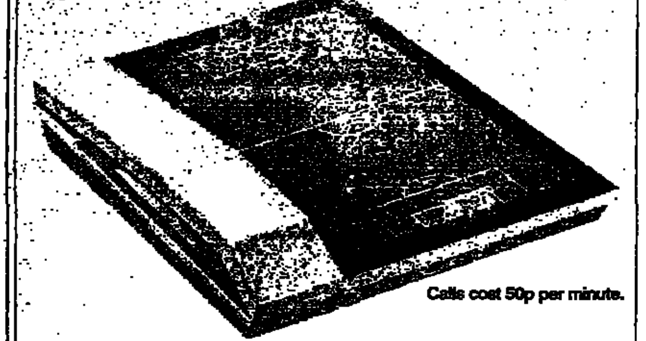

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BRIEFINGS

The Business Solutions Show, which was due to be held at Olympia, London, from June 17 to 19, has been called off. EPS Events, the exhibition organiser, has ceased trading. Its earlier exhibition, the SME Networks Show 97, was poorly supported and EPS lacked the investment to continue.

☐ Barclays Bank has introduced a high-interest postal deposit account for businesses, charities and societies for deposits of between £2,000 and £1 million. It is operated by first-class post using pre-paid envelopes supplied by the bank. Current interest rates range from 4.5 to 5.75 per cent gross, and 3.6 to 4.6 per cent net, depending on the size of the deposit.

☐ FM Expo North, the facilities management conference that was launched last year, will return to the G-MEX centre, Manchester, on October 28 and 29.

☐ Fairness in selecting employees and the impact of new technology on recruitment are among issues to be addressed at the Institute of Personnel Development conference at the Novotel hotel at Hammersmith, London, on June 3 and 4. Details: 0181-263 3434.

☐ Networking and SMEs form the subject of an international conference, with workshops, at Bologna, Italy, on June 19 and 20. The hosts are North London University and a university at Bologna. Reduced fees, funding and five British Council-sponsored flights are offered. Call 0171 753 5424.

Growth of a maturing firm

Veronica Heath finds a cheese farmer in the process of making his company greater through diversification

DUNCAN DAVIS

Mark Robertson hopes to take on more staff by the end of the year

The all-female, all-British McVities Polar Challenge expedition now approaching the North Pole has taken with it a taste of Northumberland. A team member from Haydon Bridge took locally made sheep's cheese from the Northumberland Cheese Company, specially packed in foil containers by Mark Robertson, managing director of the cheese farm.

"She is a farmer's daughter," said Mr Robertson. "So taking sheep cheese is quite appropriate. It keeps well, is high in fat and protein and will give her energy. Also it freezes without breaking up so it won't get wasted crossing the frozen steppes."

Mr Robertson has been making cheeses for ten years on a hill farm in Northumberland. He sold to grocers and delicatessens within a 50-mile radius of the farm and sent regular deliveries to specialist dealers in the North and London. With increased business coming to the North East, he also found a market for company gifts for delegates.

Last year the business moved to Make Me Rich farm on an estate that is within ten miles of Newcastle upon Tyne, and, with an investment of £150,000, Mr Robertson has converted the farm buildings into a dairy suited to the 21st century. He pays tribute to his landlord who has actively supported the ventures and constructed a road as well as making other improvements.

The DTI gave the business Regional Selective Assistance because it had moved just out of the Rural Development Commission area, said Mr Robertson. "Northumberland County Council's economic development department have also given me much-needed hand-holding over the last 12 months. For example, they provided me with an experienced accountant. Business Link have also helped with funding towards research and market and business plan development."

Mr Robertson discovered that the Ministry of Agriculture gives a grant for an agricultural business to take on outside non-executive directors. "So I applied for this and they told me that it was a small scheme designed to help people like me," said Mr Robertson. "They deserve credit for this enterprise which has been invaluable. I now have sleeping partners who take a positive interest in the business. It has been such a help not to feel so alone."

The cheese farm at Make Me Rich is now in full production. In the cheese-maturing room there are shelves of mellowing Redesdales and Goudas as well as the Coquetdale summer cheeses. Redesdale and Coquetdale, both best-sellers, are evocative local names.

There are five full-time employees and by the end of the year there will be eight or nine. The new farm shop has viewing bays for visitors to watch the cheese-making in the dairy below. "Something I saw on a dairy farm walk in Wales gave me the idea," said Mr Robertson. Visitors to the dairy get advice on suitable cheeses for entertaining, everyday consumption and for cooking. For example, Elsdon goat's cheese is especially good for making lasagne.

Customers now include Tesco. The business was represented at the International Festival of Wine and Food at Earls Court. And Mr Robertson hopes to expand into overseas markets in a year or two.

Northumberland Cheese Company: 01670 789798.

Research to identify hard-to-fill jobs

By Brian Collett

FACTORY owners in the London boroughs of Croydon and Sutton are being approached by a manufacturers' group to establish which jobs they have difficulty in filling.

Soloman, a body that represents and campaigns for south London manufacturers, is telephoning 200 small and medium-sized companies and is visiting 50 larger ones.

When Soloman's researchers have completed the task, they will present their findings to Croydon Training College to help it to lay on courses that turn out suitably skilled people for manufacturing industry. Ian Andrews, Soloman's general secretary, believes no other body in Britain is doing this type of research in such an organised way.

Surprising workforce shortages have been found so far, reported Mr Andrews.

"We already knew about the toolmakers," he said, "but we also found maintenance men are becoming few and far between."

The reason for the workplace gaps may be that schools are out of touch. "Many teachers have not been into a factory in their lives," said Mr Andrews, "and parents are possibly in the same position. We found quite educated people are still living in the smokestack era."

However, companies that complain that pupils are entering the work market ill prepared must go into the schools to show them what skills modern industry needs, said Mr Andrews.

As part of the initiative Soloman representatives are also providing liaison between employers and the further education colleges in Croydon, Lewisham and Bromley to help to place qualified students in manufacturing jobs.

Another observation from Soloman is that blue-collar employees particularly are being deterred by cost and travelling time from commuting long distances to work.

Mr Andrews said: "If the transport situation is not improved we shall be back to a village economy and employers will have to take mostly local people."

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Frances Gibb on Labour's plan for American-style district attorneys — and other changes

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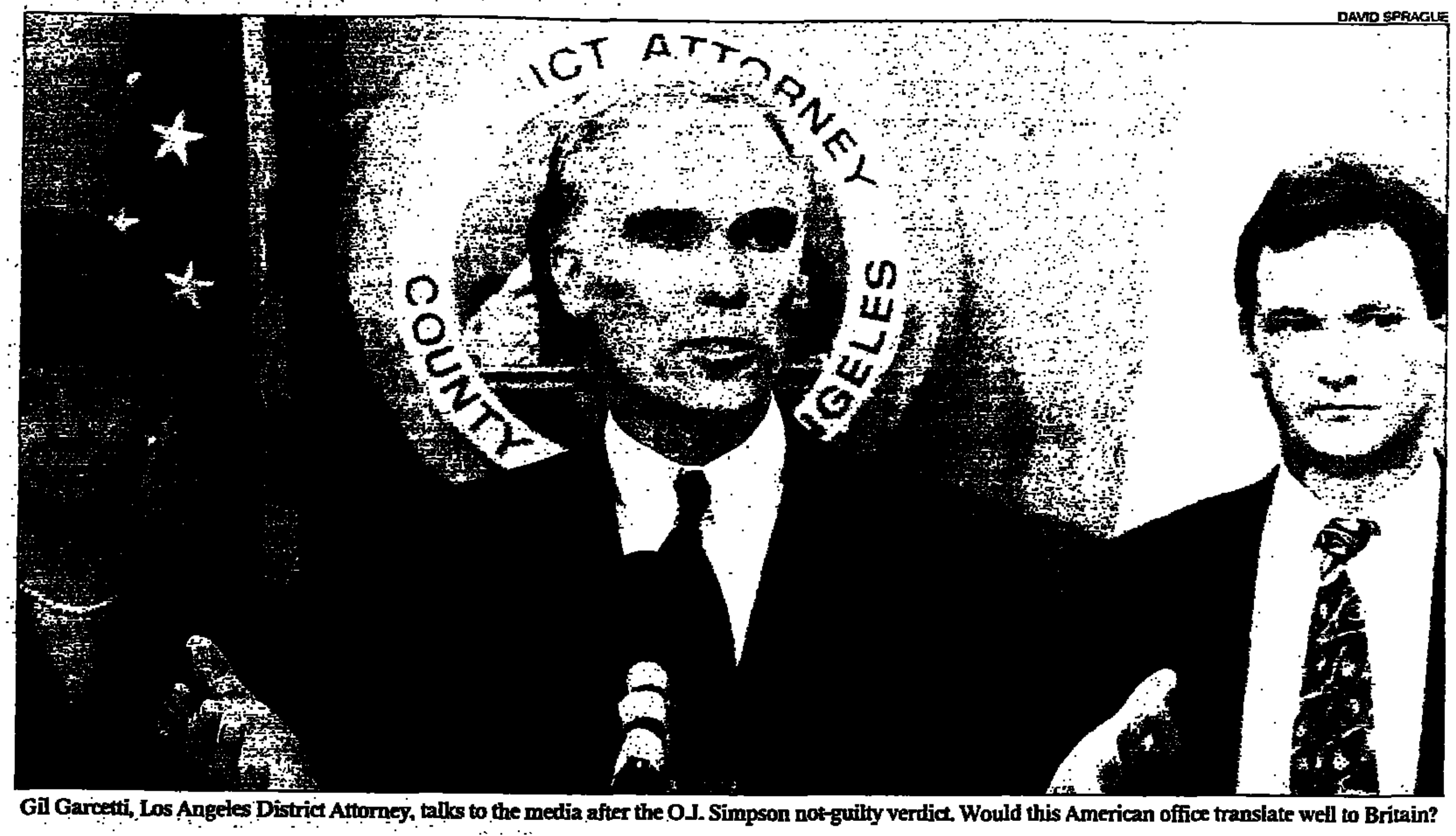

Gil Garcetti, Los Angeles District Attorney, talks to the media after the O.J. Simpson not-guilty verdict. Would this American office translate well to Britain?

Time to bring in the DA

The blaze of publicity last week over Jack Straw's new "task force" to tackle youth crime largely eclipsed plans for the biggest shake-up of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) since its creation in 1986. But the plans — based on a longstanding pledge of Labour's — could have much greater impact on the criminal justice system as a whole.

The review — although Mr Straw and the Attorney-General, John Morris, QC, were reluctant to say so — reflects their concern over the CPS's performance, over the drop in convictions at a time of rising crime — over the failure, in other words, of the CPS to achieve the aims for which it was created.

The two were less slow to mince words when in opposition. "The original aims of the CPS," they said in a paper, "have ... not been achieved. The number of discontinuances [of cases] has increased; the acquittal rate has risen; the service is over-centralised and ... morale ... is low." They pointed to what they saw as a paradox at the heart of criminal justice: while the number of recorded crimes has soared over the past decade and a half, the number of people convicted or cautioned for those crimes has dropped. "As a result," they said, "only one crime in 50 now results in a conviction."

The first part of the reforms is for American-style district attorneys — "named, known, accountable and answerable chief crown prosecutors". There will be one in each of the new 42 CPS areas in which the service will be redrawn, in line with police force areas, plus one for the Metropolitan and City of London police forces.

The idea is to make the service more locally-based and to improve liaison with the police. Each DA-style chief Crown prosecutor will have extensive devolved powers and full management responsibilities. The CPS also is to be made responsible for the task of keeping victims informed of the progress of their cases.

The Government believes the structure of the CPS — 13 regions working with 43 police forces and 24 criminal justice liaison committees — is unwieldy and works against securing more convictions. But the reorganisation is only stage one of a bigger overhaul. There will be a full-scale review under a High Court judge of CPS internal structures, policies and procedures and whether, as Mr Morris put it, they have been a factor in the fall in convictions by more than a third — at a time when crime has risen so dramatically.

Now in office, these ministers are at pains not to attack the CPS, particularly not Dame Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions. Lord Falconer of Thoroton, QC, the new Solicitor-General, went out of his way to say that the new moves were "building on underlying strengths". The result, he said, would be cases coming to court on a more "efficiently arranged" basis, victims of crime being clearer about what was happening to their cases and "most important ... more guilty people being convicted of their crimes".

Dame Barbara herself said she fully supported the measures and rejected the notion that they amounted to "an indictment" of her five years as head of the CPS. People who said otherwise did not understand the situation, she added. The CPS was already making changes to make it a more local service.

"What I really want to see," she said, "are improvements for the public in the delivery of the criminal justice system and I think that this is going to be very helpful in this respect." In truth, she had to put a brave face on it. As one official put it: "She is a civil servant: she accepts that her job is to implement government policies."

> 'What I really want to see are improvements for the public in the delivery of the criminal justice system'

But privately, she does not accept the CPS has done a bad job. Fiercely defensive of the service, she points out that the conviction rate in Crown Court "not guilty" cases has actually risen — from about 56 per cent in 1992 to 60 per cent in 1995. In the magistrates' courts, 77 per cent of defendants pleading not guilty are convicted.

The CPS, she will argue, is demand-led; it can prosecute only those cases that the police bring forward, and the number of prosecutions has dropped, from 1.5 million three years ago to 1.3 million.

Statistics aside, many staff think the CPS's morale is low, that it has lost its way, become over-centralised and is too bureaucratic: all at the expense of its core work of prosecuting cases for trial.

The reforms are to a tight timetable. By June 1 the DPP will have named Crown prosecutors for each proposed new area, to have oversight of casework, be personally involved in sensitive or serious cases and liaise with other agencies. By next April the DPP will formally create the 42 new areas and selection boards will appoint 42 chief Crown prosecutors.

Reaction is so far positive. The First Division Association, which represents most CPS lawyers, says that if changes "improve both local accountability and resources devoted to front-line prosecutions" they will help the service to deliver its full potential.

James Morton, editor of the *New Law Journal*, said it would mean greater CPS control of the police investigation, which would be of great help. He added: "I always argued that the CPS's failing was that it had no control over the police. Now it will be able to say — 'Please get this or that piece of evidence'." He recalls a case of his own, a man charged with assaulting the police, in which charges had to be downgraded after police failed to respond to repeated requests for a doctor's report.

Neil Addison, former senior Crown prosecutor, believes that named prosecutors would give the service a more human face. "The CPS will," he said, "become more identifiable." The move would also bring closer working — "interdependence not independence", remove bureaucracy and enable branches to respond better to local needs. "At present," he said, "every branch has to do things the same way. The CPS is too big to be directed centrally."

It was crucial, though, that the new posts were filled from outside the service as well as from within and were advertised, so that the CPS retained its credibility and independence. But overall, the reforms could only help in what Mr Addison sees as the most important thing of all: "Restoring the service's pride".

Can a windfall be clawed back?

Should someone become unjustly enriched at your expense, you would be rightly aggrieved. A strong sense of injustice would arise if the law failed to provide a remedy. This has sometimes proved so in the past, but things are changing.

Much of English law aims to compensate an innocent party for damage or losses sustained when someone else has failed to discharge an obligation. Traditional causes of action in breach of contract, negligence, and breach of trust can rectify a case of unjust enrichment as well as providing compensation to the victim. But this is not always so.

For more than 200 years, the law has searched for a means to ensure that the recipient of an unjust enrichment refunds it to the loser even if there is no obvious traditional legal basis on which a court can rely. Until recently, progress has been slow.

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In 1966 came the first edition of *The Law Of Restitution* by Robert Goff and Gareth Jones. It took up the cause of establishing the principle that unjust enrichment should not go unredressed. It was a book to which lawyers often went when seeking inspiration on behalf of clients who could claim to have lost money or property that someone else had unjustifiably gained, but for whom there was no obvious established legal remedy.

A quarter of a century later, Lord Goff of Chievely, as one of the authors had become, contributed to an important decision of the House of Lords in a case concerning funds unwittingly received by the Playboy Club from a solicitor who had helped himself to money from his firm's client account and gambled it away there.

The House of Lords decided that despite the lack of any legal relationship between the firm of solicitors (no one else there knew what the dishonest solicitor had been doing) and the club, which itself was wholly innocent, the solicitors could recover the sums lost. The decision was based on the principle that someone who becomes unjustly enriched at the expense of another should make appropriate restitution.

This decision was hailed by Professor Peter Birks, QC, of Oxford University, as signalling an emancipation of the English law from previously self-imposed restraints on the development of a principle of unjust enrichment. He, together with Professor Jones, QC, as the co-author of the 1966 textbook had in the meantime become, had contributed to a lively and distinguished academic debate on the subject in the intervening years.

Though the case was a milestone, it was just the first tentative step towards the recognition of an English law of restitution based on the principle of unjust enrichment. Remedies based on this principle had long been recognised in the United States and in some Commonwealth and European countries. However, a year later another step was taken when the House of Lords permitted a tax-payer to recover tax paid to the State under an unlawful demand for tax. The unjust enrichment of the State at the expense of the taxpayer was reversed.

Last year, Lord Goff, supported by Lord Woolf, would have extended this area of the law to enable banks that had entered interest swap agreements with local authorities (subsequently declared by the courts to be illegal) to recover compound interest on the sums made over by the banks when those sums were reclaimed. The majority of the law lords held that this was not possible in the circumstances, but the case demonstrated the role that the principle of unjust enrichment now had in English law.

In his eloquent speech, Lord Goff spoke of how the principle should be available to do full justice and of how the seeds of growth in "this newly recognised branch of the law" should be allowed to spread under "the warm sun of judicial creativity". Lord Woolf said "restitution is an area of the law which is still in the process of being evolved by the courts", echoing the words of Lord Nicholls of Birkenhead in an earlier case when he said that "the categories of unjust enrichment are not closed".

How far will the courts go in responding to Lord Goff's invitation to innovation? Traditional remedies and established law will not be blown away, but thinking the hitherto unthinkable may not now be out of the question.

In a case decided very recently, the Court of Appeal accepted as arguable (albeit only just arguable) in the unusual circumstances of the particular case that the fundamental legal concept of the separate identity of a company from its members might not necessarily get in the way of an unjust enrichment claim.

This space will be watched with interest by lawyers, laymen, businessmen and local and state authorities in the years ahead.

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NEW LABOUR — new Civil Service? One result of the Labour victory, according to the leading City law firm Clifford Chance, will be a substantial boost to Whitehall's power.

Richard Thomas, the director of the firm's public policy group, is advising clients that the big Labour majority and Conservative inexperience of opposition will mean that Bills receive less scrutiny.

His guide on the new legislative programme says that though ministers will give the overall lead on policy, civil servants will have great influence on "virtually all matters of detail and implementation without much real parliamentary scrutiny or challenge". He believes that lobby groups, to have any chance of influence, must get their messages across before Bills are drawn up.

Ditched

DAME Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, may well be putting a brave face on the reforms to the CPS (see above). But it is worth recalling that when she cut the number of CPS areas from 31 to 13, she described the move as "a vital springboard for the future development of the service". The reform was very much hers.

Dame Barbara: reformer

On another occasion she said: "A more cohesive structure was needed within which our headquarters and areas could work more closely together." Last week her reorganisation was unceremoniously ditched.

QC loss shock

EMINENT counsel whose advice was regularly sought under Michael Howard's regime at the Home Office might find the new tenant at Queen Anne's Gate less willing to pay out taxpayers' money to outside QCs.

Jack Straw, the new Home Secretary, pointed out at a recent reception to mark his arrival that Lord Williams of Mostyn (former Bar chairman) would not only be his junior minister in the Lords, but would be a source of free legal advice on thorny issues.

Slow train

A LANDMARK anniversary passed almost unnoticed last week; it is 75 years since the first woman was called to the Bar.

Lord Justice Staughton drew attention to the fact at the Inner Temple's call night. It was to that Inn that Ivy Williams, a tutor and law fellow at St Anne's College, Oxford (and predecessor of Ruth Deech, an honorary bencher at Inner Temple) was admitted.

In those days the Inns were ahead of many professions, including the Church. The judge, the Inns' Treasurer, pointed out that the admission of token women was not important; what mattered was that they enjoyed progress and promotion on equal terms. In the past, the profession, in this, had been "regrettably slow".

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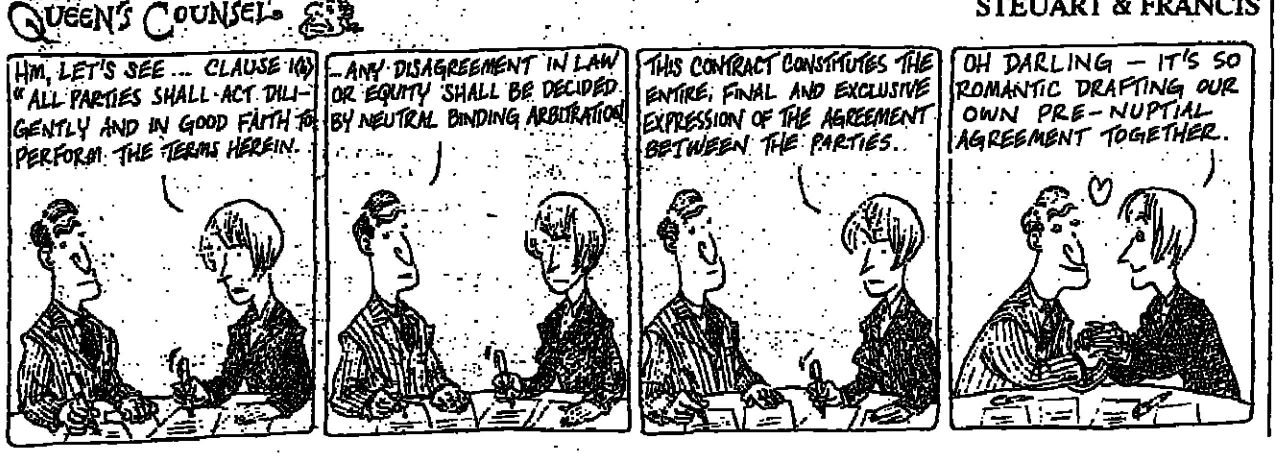
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This child was adopted by a male couple in Seattle, Washington State: now judicial attitudes in Britain to homosexual adoption are changing

Will gays get their way?

An adoption case last week saw a reversal of previous judicial attitudes, says **Chris Barton**

Does the "gay adoption" case, reported in *The Times* last week, constitute an all-out victory for homosexuals with parenting ambitions? In the case (*Re W*), Mr Justice Singer picked his way carefully through the legislation, which is silent on the issue, to order that an 11-year-old girl be "freed" for adoption by a woman cohabiting with her female partner.

The Adoption Act 1976 takes a minimalist approach to the qualifications of aspirant adopters. He, she or they must normally be over 21 and be either an unmarried individual or a married couple. Gays are therefore treated exactly like heterosexual cohabiting couples in that there is nothing to prevent any one partner becoming a legal parent or a child intended for their joint househould. Parliament has shown no interest in the carnal preferences of any of these people (including the natural parents and married adopters), preferring to rule, as every family law student knows, that a "court or adoption agency shall have regard to all the circumstances, first consideration [being] the welfare of the child". Judge Singer — unlike his critics, if any — had the benefit of first-hand reports from the guardian *ad litem* and others about the suitability for the girl of her new household — where she had lived for the previous two years — and its members, hearing that "she was well-settled and thriving".

Despite the neutral approach, it would be disingenuous not to see this new case as a reversal of judicial attitudes previously displayed under the Act. In *Re W*, the order was made despite the natural mother's objection to her replacement's lesbian relationship. As Parliament permits, her consent was dispensed with as being "unreasonably" withheld. Yet 20 years ago, in a neatly symmetrical reversal of the present case, the House of Lords held that a homosexual father was himself being "unreasonable" in contesting his son's adoption by the boy's mother and her new husband. Their Lordships held that a "reasonable" parent would consider to "protect" the child from "the dangers associated with a homosexual lifestyle".

An "all-out victory" for would-be parent-homosexuals? It certainly represents judicial approval of one policy judgment made by one local authority. It is the latter's decision that is crucial in these cases because most adoptions start with the would-be parent(s) being adjudged by a local authority, or a private agency retained by it, to be suitable for a probationary placement. There is an estimated rate of 40 inquiries per available child, so married couples are unlikely to face a significant challenge to their ambitions.

Yet in one recent English case concerning a cohabitating, but different-sex couple, the law has gone closer than in *Re W* to achieving the joint adoption model denied by Parliament to unmarried pairs. Last year, in *Re AB*, Mr Justice Cazalet (who emphasised that he was not seeking to subvert the Adoption Act 1976) granted an adoption order in favour of one partner — the man — coupled with a joint residence order in favour of them both. This ensured that they each had official "parental responsibility" for the child, (whom they had fostered successfully for the previous two years) under the Children Act 1989. But though the man therefore became the legal father for ever, the child was left without — indeed, was deprived of, a legal mother — and the parental responsibility of the new "social" mother would be forfeit were the court to end the joint residence order.

One note of caution should be sounded with regard to adoptions by one member of an unmarried couple, either straight or gay. Should the partnership break down — as they do with greater frequency than marriages — then the other party would have no financial responsibility for the child. Nor would he or she necessarily have the automatic right to apply to the court for contact with the child. (A joint residence order, made in happier times, would only rectify the latter omission and not the former.) Yet the breakdown rate of second and subsequent marriages is among the highest on record — despite step-parents being the recipients of the majority of the 5,000 or so adoption orders made in 1995.

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Time is ripe for parental leave

Adopting the EU's directive is crucial to family-friendly work, says **Clare McGlynn**

The recent announcement that the new Government will end the UK's opt-out from European Union social policy means that the UK will have to implement the Parental Leave Directive. Though the provisions of the directive are limited, its implementation will have an important symbolic effect in the UK: particularly in view of the fact that the recent report *Parental Leave: The Price Of Family Values?*, by the think-tank Demos, showed that only 3 per cent of the organisations surveyed had parental leave policies.

Furthermore, the report revealed the ignorance of many organisations: 60 per cent stated that they would not be considering the introduction of a parental leave policy over the next three years.

More worrying was recent research by the group Young Women Lawyers which found that not only did just 8 per cent of the largest 200 solicitors firms provide parental leave schemes, but also that there was widespread ignorance of the whole idea of parental leave, let alone the existence of the directive.

It seems, therefore, that the UK has some way to go before it embraces the more enlightened employment policies of our continental partners, where parental leave as a statutory right is widely available.

Parental leave generally refers to a period of leave available to men and women on the birth/adoption of a child. It is seen as an important means by which to offer, in the words of the directive, "men and women an opportunity to reconcile their work responsibilities and family obligations". In particular, in moving beyond offering leave to women only — maternity leave — the directive aims to encourage men to "assume an equal share of family responsibilities". The directive is therefore a crucial measure encouraging more "family-friendly" working practices that are of benefit both to men and to women: allowing men to play a greater role in family life, which in turn should enable women to participate fully in the workplace.

Not to be forgotten is the fact that a greater allowance for the family and personal responsibilities of male and female employees is also of benefit to employers and the economy as a whole: improving the morale, efficiency, and productivity of employees — as evidenced by the CBI and the US National Bureau of Economic Research.

The content of parental leave policies can vary greatly, but the directive lays down two minimum standards. First, an entitlement to an individual (non-transferable) right to at least three months unpaid parental leave within eight years of the birth/adoption of a child. The employee must be protected against dismissal on the grounds of requesting or taking parental leave, and must have the right to return to the same or an equivalent job. Second, employees have the right to time off work for urgent family reasons (the length of time and conditions of access to be laid down by each member state).

Employers should be acting now, not waiting

Further provisions of the directive leave a discretion to member states. For example, the Government will be able to specify whether the leave can be taken full-time or part-time. It may choose to impose a service qualification period on the entitlement to leave, but this period must not exceed 12 months.

Though the minimum right is to unpaid leave, the directive also provides that member states should consider maintaining an entitlement to social security payments during the leave period, "where appropriate under national conditions, and taking into account the budgetary situation". In view of the fact that the vast majority of EU member states offer some form of payment during parental leave, it is to be hoped that the Government will make provision for paid leave, perhaps, as a start, equivalent to statutory maternity pay. If provision is not made for paid leave, the entitlement to parental leave will be largely illusory.

Employers, in the interests of themselves and their employees, should be acting now and not waiting until legal obligations are imposed on them; and the Government should seek to implement the directive in a manner that gives real effect to the rights provided.

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United Utilities looks to exceptionals

UNITED UTILITIES: A full contribution from Norweb and one-off factors should help to bolster the final outcome on Thursday. Pre-tax profits are set to grow 22 per cent from £389 million to £475 million boosted by exceptional profits of £160 million, much of which relates to disposals.

Excluding exceptionals, the group, of which Sir Desmond Pitcher is chairman, is likely to have performed modestly on an underlying basis, with earnings reckoned to be just 2 per cent ahead at 80p.

The disposal programme has been more successful than expected. Proceeds are likely to total more than £450 million eventually, helping the group to recoup almost 40 per cent of the cost of buying Norweb.

The United board has already set a target for its dividend policy until the turn of the century. As a result, the final payout is expected to be 14 per cent higher at 37.2p.

SIEBE: The ink may still be drying on the £330 million acquisition of APV, but brokers will have plenty of questions to ask about prospects for the group when it unveils full-year figures on Thursday.

The City is expecting another solid performance from the fast-growing group and is unlikely to be disappointed at the headline level with earnings set to rise 20 per cent to 52.5p. This will be struck after an increase in pre-tax profits from £327 million to between £415 million and £425 million. However, according to NatWest Securities, the broker, organic revenue growth is likely to miss the 10 per cent target set by the management.

It will have been a good year for the group's core businesses, but not good enough to make up for weakness in some of its other markets. After stripping out acquisitions and currency translations the group is expected to have failed to reach budgeted levels. Foxboro's markets remain flat while weak demand for semi-conducters is likely to leave its mark on results from Unitech.

Shareholders should be rewarded with a 10 per cent rise in the payout to 14.7p net.

YORKSHIRE WATER: The new management team worked hard last year to address the problems of the group and the drought-stricken areas in which it operates. Full-year figures on Friday are likely to show pre-tax profits of £211 million. Last year's £208 million was depressed by £47 million of drought-related charges. Earnings per share during this period will be 3 per cent ahead at 46.7p benefiting from the reduced number of shares in issue since a buyback.

The one positive factor included in these figures will be a doubled contribution from Yorkshire Environment.

Yorkshire is committed to real growth in returns to shareholders of between 6 per cent and 8 per cent. Therefore, a final payment of 13p a share could be on the cards, delivering a total payout of 18.4p net, an increase of almost 19 per cent on the previous year.

Sir Desmond Pitcher will be pleased with the United Utilities programme of disposals

ANGLIAN WATER: Heavy provisions for its core regulated activities and international operations should not obscure another solid performance when the group reports full-year figures tomorrow. Pre-tax profit forecasts range from £245 million to £255 million compared with £238 million last time. Provisions totalling £20 million relating to restructuring and contract provisioning will dent the out-turn. The reduced number of shares in issues since a buyback should enhance earnings which are expected to climb 6p to 84.1p.

Capital expenditure is expected to have risen to £330 million, but year-end debt is likely to remain static at about £975 million. Shareholders should see the payout rise about 8 per cent from 30p to 34p.

SOUTH WEST WATER: An improvement in operating margins should result in a useful performance from the group when it unveils full-year figures on Thursday. Brokers are forecasting pre-tax profits up about 20 per cent at £122 million, with earnings per share 8 per cent higher at 84.4p. The outcome will be boosted by a profit from the sale of its stake in Westcountry Television.

The contribution from waste disposal continues to grow and now accounts for about 10 per cent of overall profits. Further acquisitions in this area are expected. After two years of inquiries by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission following the abortive bids by Wessex and Severn Trent, the group is now free to concentrate on the business at hand. Shareholders will be rewarded with an increase in the payout of 20 per cent from 30.5p to 36.6p.

WOLVERHAMPTON & DUDLEY BREWERIES: There are high hopes for the regional brewer this year as the benefits of increased investment in beer brand marketing and greenfield sites start to be felt. Interim figures tomorrow will see pre-tax profits grow from £18.1 million to £20 million, but it will not be until the second half that the real benefits come through.

Earnings are also likely to produce a similar improvement, rising from 18.8p to 21.1p, while the payout is expected to be up from 6p to 6.6p. The group has been turning out new pubs with different themes, but it has struggled as a regional brewer to compete with the national operators.

THORN: Full-year figures tomorrow may show that the group has turned the corner since January's profits warning. In December, Thorn's Radio Rentals division lost ground to rival Granada and Thorn proposed closing 90 underperforming stores. The performance is no better in the US, but sales there will have risen because of the Tidewater acquisition. Sales in Asia-Pacific are expected to show the strongest growth. Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of £170 million, down marginally from the previous year. The final dividend is unlikely to rise.

EMI GROUP: Hopes are high that the group will have had a strong fourth quarter as it unveils its first set of full-year figures today since the demerger with Thorn.

Brokers are looking for profits in the fourth quarter to have risen from £53 million to £88 million, lifting overall profits from £367 million to £381 million. Part of the improvement stems from the popularity of the Spice Girls pop group and a solid performance from the HMV record store chain. The dividend is likely to grow 11 per cent to 30p.

STAKIS: The strong pound is unlikely to have much affect on what is expected to be an impressive performance from the group when it unveils half-year figures on Thursday. Analysts have pencilled in pre-tax profits of £23.6 million compared with £12 million for the corresponding period. The rise in earnings is likely to be a more modest 38 per cent, to 23.6p.

Reports from other hotel operators indicate that current trading in London and the provinces remains buoyant with no impact on forward bookings from currency factors.

In the meantime, brokers will be anxious to tackle the company on how it intends to integrate the Metropole chain of hotels bought earlier this year from Lonrho.

The news is also likely to be brighter on the gambling front with attendances up at all 21 casinos. The interim dividend should grow from 0.95p to 1.2p.

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: Care UK, Mcleod Russel Holdings, Scottish Investment Trust. **Finals:** EMI Group, Monks Investment Trust, OMI International, James Smith Estates. **Economic statistics:** French April household consumption, OECD ministerial meeting (day two of two), US April existing home sales, US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills, API weekly oil supply statistics.

TOMORROW

Interims: Alders, ANZ Banking Group, Celltech Group, Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets, Kalsey Industries, Kunick, M&G Group, PWS Holdings, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. **Finals:** Anglian Water, Bristol United Press, Dawson International, Luminar, Shires Income, Thorn.

THURSDAY

Interims: C&B Publishing, Richards, Stakis, United Drug. **Finals:** Dart Group, Fulcrum Investment Trust, London International Group, Mid Kent, Plasmon, Raglan Properties, Rolfe & Nolan, Seton Healthcare, Siebe, South West Water, Tring International Group, United Utilities. **Economic statistics:** UK March global, April non-EU trade, UK April harmonised consumer prices index.

FRIDAY

Interims: Eidos (q4), Ransomes, RCO Holdings. **Finals:** Barbican Healthcare, Oxford Instruments, Property Partnerships, TR Property Investment Trust, Yorkshire Water. **Economic statistics:** Royal Bank of Scotland oil and gas index, British Bankers Association end-April monthly mortgage lending.

WEEKEND TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Hozelock, Burmah Castrol; **Hold** APV. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Racal, Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries. *The Observer*: **Buy** Land Securities, MEPC. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Gallaher, T J Hughes. *Sunday Business*: **Buy** Dairy Crest, Thistle Hotels. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Henlys; **Hold** Waterfall; **Sell** Country Gardens. *Express on Sunday*: **Buy** Cantab, Bass.

OECD focus on investment

FINANCE ministers from across the world are in Paris for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's annual ministerial meeting. The talking shop, which draws to a close today, will be concentrating on a multilateral agreement on investment, which should be finalised this year. The OECD is also keen on outlining further plans to suppress bribery and corruption.

The only major economic data in Britain this week is the trade figures, due on Thursday. They are expected to show continuing evidence of the negative impact of sterling on exports. MMS International, the economic forecasting company, predicts the global trade gap will widen from £758 million in February to £900 million in March. The non-EU trade deficit for April is also forecast to increase slightly, from £600 million to £650 million.

In the US the revised first-quarter GDP data is expected to show annualised growth running at a heady 6 per cent. But the Federal Reserve resisted raising interest rates last week on the assumption that growth is slowing and the market will be watching forward indicators just as closely for signs of how long a slowdown might endure. One measure published today — durable goods orders — is expected to show 1 per cent growth in April, after falling 3 per cent in March.

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Greece Dr	464	427
Hong Kong $	13.33	12.20
Iceland	127	107
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TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4,891.10	Allied Domecq	451½	+ 8	6.5	13.5
278.50	Bulmer (HP)	527½	− 7½	3.2	15.7
33.50	Burn Stewart	56½	− ½	7.5	14.1
127.80	Glenmorangie A	940	− 5	1.8	
12,488.60	Grand Met	583	+ 25	3.5	18.8
11,219.60	Guinness	503	+ 26	3.4	18.9
440.90	Highland Distl	330½	+ ½	3.2	15.5
232.90	Matthew Clark	262½	− 8	11.4	12.5
7.90	Morgan W	72½	...	7.8	9.8
5,131.40	SA Breweries	1743½	− 28¼	2.3	

BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13,481.70	ABN-AMRO	4443¾	+ 28¾	2.6	18.2
13,129.60	Abbey Natl	932½	− 28¾	3.5	16.5
3,713.30	Alliance & Leic	638	+ 25½	3.2	15.7
3,139.20	Allied Irish	408½	+ 9½	3.8	..
5,820.00	Aus New Z	380¼	− 3½	4.8	..
38,957.80	Bank America	7100	− 218¾	...	
4,811.90	Bank Scotland	402	− 13½	2.8	12.2
18,800.40	Barclays	1238¾	− 48½	3.2	12.5
3,332.80	Bk of Ireland	583	− 10½	3.3	..
34,997.50	Citicorp	7231¼	− 181¼	..	..
7,107.70	Commerzbk	1758¾	+ 48¾	2.5	...
23,312.10	Dai Ichi Kan Y	784¾	− 68¾	0.6	...
17,877.10	Deutsche Bk	3675	+ 28¾	1.8	...
400.70	Espirito Santo	1012½	..	3.3	...
23,373.40	Fuji Bank Y	806¾	− ¾	0.6	...
16,079.70	HSBC	1844	+ 48	2.8	18.8
31,923.50	HSBC HK	1773½	+ 45½	2.8	15.4
511.70	Irish Perm	585	− 15	2.7	..
35,161.90	Lloyds TSB	618	− 3	2.7	20.0
13,204.40	Nat Aust Bk	882¾	+ 33¾	4.7	11.7
13,541.80	Nat West	701	− 10½	4.8	11.9
5,022.50	Roy Bk Scotl	612½	− 12½	4.8	13.2
8,958.90	Stand Chartd	1009	+ 8	1.8	18.1
16,061.10	Wells Fargo	£184¾	...	1.8	...
6,016.10	Westpac	337¾	− 4¼	4.6	

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7,127.90	Bass	804½	− 11½	4.0	14.9
16.90	Bk for the Brk A	51½	− ½	4.2	14.1
32.30	Burtonwood Brw	155½	− 4½	4.5	14.0
243.60	City Centre Rest	125½	− 5½	2.5	20.8
2,138.50	Compass Gp	668	+ 8½	1.7	24.3
64.70	Eldridge P 'A'	385	+ 22½	2.3	16.7
64.50	Fuller Sm 'A'	467½	− 5	2.5	13.6
1,423.30	Greenalls Gp	481½	− 12½	4.2	11.8
389.30	Greene King	643½	− 17	3.1	15.8
26.50	Grosvenor Inns	185½	− 5	4.1	18.0
48.20	Groupe Chez Ger	257½	− 5	1.4	25.3
55.10	Hardy Hanson	275½		4.8	12.6
51.70	Inn Business	67½	+ 1½	2.8	
229.50	Mansfield	352½	..	2.2	16.2

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,708.50	Electrocomponents	408½	+ 1½	2.2	24.9
81.90	Eurodis Elec	139½	− 2	4.4	19.9
45.50	European Mtr	84½	− ½	7.8	8.6
73.50	Evans Halshaw	229	− 6	9.0	
6.51	Fife Indmar	42		9.8	8.4
271.40	Finelist Grp	344	− 2½	2.4	17.5
39.70	Gardiner	27½	− ¼	4.3	10.5
19.30	Glenchewton	64	− 2	2.6	12.5
8.35	Gowrings	105		3.6	23.9
22.90	HR Owen	74		5.9	12.7
27.40	Hamlett	92	− ½	8.3	8.5
26.90	Harris (Philip)	242½		4.5	14.8
188.70	Headlam	310	− 3½	2.4	20.2
96.10	ISA Intl	232½		1.5	18.8
1,556.00	Inchcape	294	− 3	4.5	18.0
6.75	Jacks (Wm)	82½	..	4.6	9.5
451.00	Kwik-Fit	299½	+ 4	2.7	18.4
412.50	Lex Service	362½	− 5	5.5	11.9
33.90	Lookers	101½	− 1½	9.9	6.6
49.30	Northamber	144½	− 4½	1.2	8.6
140.30	Pendragon	367½		3.4	16.7
40.38	Perry Gp	192½	− 1½	6.0	8.8
1,313.20	Premier Farnell	483½	+ 12	3.1	17.9
33.50	Quicks Group	144½	+ 2	6.1	9.8
31.50	REA	346	+ 12	1.4	42.6
3.98	Reece	2½	+ ¼		26.2
15.20	Ronson	17	− 1½	11.0	5.9
37.10	Ryland	95½	+ 1	5.3	17.1
24.60	SEP Indl	27¼	− ¼	8.8	7.3
195.40	Time Products	360½	− 4½	4.2	...
46.50	UMECO	300	+ 2	2.0	21.5
175.20	Vardy (Reg)	309½	− 5	2.8	13.6
98.30	WF Elect	678	− 2	2.5	24.4
29.20	Wilshaw	31½	− ¼	3.4	9.2
98.70	Wyko	142		2.3	16.5
31.80	Young (H)	143½	+ 1	3.8	12.1

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
638.70	Antofagasta	400	+ 9½	1.6	
219.00	Ascot Hldgs	270	+ 1	2.4	
18,038.10	Broken Hill	807½	+ 28½	2.8	21.0
8,734.20	BTR	217	− 5½	5.5	9.4
17,667.50	BAT	588	+ 9½	5.7	12.2
294.60	Bibby (J)	189½	...	3.5	10.1
785.60	Charter	520	− 1½	4.5	11.6
1,641.00	Cookson	239	+ 9	4.5	15.9
28.60	Cosalt	216½	+ 1½	6.1	9.2
298.20	DCC	350½	+ 15½	2.8	..
18,238.30	Hutch Whamp	504	+ 15½	2.0	20.9
2,097.00	Imperial Tobacco	402½	− 5½	6.3	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
69.30	Simon Eng	44	− 2½	..	
2,327.90	Smiths Indt	766½	+ 6	2.7	18.6
566.40	Spirax-Sarco	702½	− 8½	2.6	18.5
77.70	Sterling Ind	255½	− 4½	4.4	12.8
2,652.90	TI	556	+ 20½	3.3	18.5
16.70	Tinsley (E)	102½	− 4	7.2	13.6
170.90	TransTec	182½	+ 2	2.9	14.3
110.70	Triplex Lloyd	167½	− 4	5.2	9.5
61.00	Unicorn Intl	160½	− 2	2.9	9.5
30.70	Utd Inds	68½	− 2	4.5	19.3
763.30	Vickers	276½	+ 12½	4.0	13.5
10.60	Wilkes Gp	9	− ½	...	

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
222.30	Edin Dragon	62½	+ 3½		
24.50	Edinburgh Inca	29½	+ ¼		
1,142.30	Edinburgh IT	399	− 1	3.5	
44.50	Edin Japan	128½	− ¼	..	
837.60	Electra Inv	484	+ 4½	2.2	45.3
65.00	English Nat	229	+ 3	0.2	
248.40	Eng & Scot	151½	− 1½	2.5	39.5
98.50	European Asset	395		1.3	
106.30	Fidty Asian Val	103½	+ 2½		
147.90	Fidty Euro Val	259	− 1	0.2	
43.40	Fidty Jap Val	46	+ ¼	0.3	
43.40	Fidty Spec Val	137½	− 1½		
32.80	Finsbury 'A'	211½		2.3	47.6

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.70	J Fry 2nd Ut	92	− ¼	10.1	12.5
10.40	J Fry Exro U	96	− ¼	5.7	15.1
97.30	JF Fledg Jap	154½	+ 5½		
37.00	Jupiter Er Inct	99¾	+ ¼	9.9	9.8
0.60	Jupiter Er IncWt	10			
11.40	Jupiter Gbl Cap	81½	+ 1	11.9	10.4
12.90	Jupiter Gbl Pfd	37			
32.80	Jupiter Intl Grn	130½	+ 2	3.7	
288.80	Kleinwort Chrt	356½	+ 3	2.6	52.9
30.40	Kleinwort E Mkt	107¼	− 1¼		
48.80	Kleinwort End	162½			
28.80	Kleinwort H Inc	95½	+ 3	13.0	10.1
251.00	Kleinwort O'seas	313	+ 3	1.6	60.1
24.00	Kleinwort Smlr	182	− 1½	2.5	48.6
103.50	Korea—Euro	294½	+ 16½	0.4	.
124.80	Latin American	138¾	+ 5¼		
236.10	Law Debenture	1017½	− 6	3.1	30.8
34.60	Life Oil Opp	106	+ ¼		
31.80	Lloyds Sm Cap	129½	− 1		
5.27	Lloyds Sm Div	21½		23.9	5.3
37.00	Lloyds Sm Pkg	151	− 1	3.4	
54.60	Lon St Lawrence	166½	+ 1	4.7	26.7
73.60	Lowland	310½	− 1½	4.6	24.1
70.80	M&G 2nd Dual Co	707½	− 2½		

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
45.40	Mercury Eur Wt	38½	+ 4½		
398.40	Mercury World	93½	− ¼	1.5	78.4
5.32	Mercury Wld Wts	6½			
522.20	Monks Inv Tst	673	− 6	1.8	51.6
63.30	Morg Grnl Inc	171	− 1	4.6	26.8
3.34	Morg Wts	68	− ½		
57.90	Morg Lat Amer	90½	+ 1½	8.5	
4.49	Morg Wts	35	+ ¼		
30.10	Murray Enit	124½		3.0	36.3
0.87	Murray Ent Wts	18			
44.70	Murray Eng Eco	82½		0.6	
2.40	Murray Em Ec Wt	18½			
28.70	Murray Eur	78½	+ 1	0.7	
343.50	Murray Income	398		4.4	29.5
539.70	Murray Intl	449	− 1½	3.7	31.1
12.70	Murray S/C DP	198½	+ ½		

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,896.40	Ladbroke	246½	− 2	3.1	27.1
575.60	London Clubs	406½	+ 17½	3.6	25.0
101.10	Macdonald Htls	172½	− 5	2.9	18.9
401.70	Man Utd	619	− 15	1.1	29.3
504.20	Mandarin Orntl	71¼	+ ¼	5.4	
567.60	Millennium & Cop	392½	+ 10½	1.5	16.6
166.90	Newcastle Utd	116½	− 5	1.7	
149.10	Northern	273½	− 10	2.4	24.3
14.70	Prism Leisure	172½	− 5	4.4	9.3
53.10	Queensborough	32½		1.2	12.7
59.00	Queens Moat	15	− ½		10.0
3,678.60	Rank Grp	439½	− 8½	4.8	34.9
30.40	Ryan Hotels	46½	+ 1	5.0	
452.60	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1582½	+ 122½	1.4	
55.70	Sinclair (Wm)	246½	− 6	4.2	14.1
27.60	Southampton	101½	− 4½	1.2	
740.00	Stakis	97	..	2.8	15.9
336.60	Stanley Leisure	306	+ 3½	1.4	30.4
7.05	Tandem	7½	− ¼		
1,300.10	Tanjong	346	..	1.4	22.8
1,036.70	Thistle Hotels	168	− ½	2.8	16.4
106.10	Tottenhm Hsf	105½	− 3½	0.9	18.1
21.10	Toy Options	100½	− 4	4.4	8.1
97.10	VCI	249½	− 1	3.9	12.6

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
66.80	CIA Gp	160½	+ 2	1.8	34.7
423.20	Capital Radio	575		2.8	18.9
3,146.00	Carlton Comm	520	− 4½	2.8	15.3
160.10	Chrysalis	595	− 90	0.6	.
6.84	City of Lon	85½	+ 6	8.6	
537.00	Cordiant	121	− 4	1.0	
86.50	Daily Mail	1731½		1.4	28.4
1,563.40	Daily Mail 'A'	1565½	+ 6½	1.5	25.7
200.40	Dorling Kind	285½	− ½	2.0	24.1
1,586.10	EMAP	760	+ 38½	1.9	26.3
5,311.40	EMI	1221	− 28	2.9	30.0
6,857.90	Elsevier	1058½	− 21½	2.3	
332.70	Euromoney Pb	1525	+ 90	4.1	18.8
16.60	Fitch	46½	− ½	1.1	12.9
675.60	Flextech	586½	− 37		

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,400.90	Jardine Strat	226	+ 5	5.9	
13.90	Johnson Fry	132		3.8	8.3
26.00	Leopold J	490		5.0	29.0
1,410.10	Liberty Intl	496½	+ 4½	4.0	30.8
425.20	Lon Forfaiting	412	+ 2	3.8	15.0
148.50	London Pacific	200	− 4½	8.9	5.9
118.30	Lon Scot Bk	96	− 2	3.8	16.8
447.10	Man ED & F	171½	− 2½	7.5	9.2
1,008.50	M & G	1350	− 40	3.3	22.8
2,525.40	MAM	1380	+ 12½	4.2	22.4
149.40	Paragon	169	+ 5	1.9	7.4
764.90	Perpetual	2712½	+ 42½	3.1	19.4
1,582.30	Provident	593½	+ 4	3.5	20.3
92.60	Rathbone Brs	327	− 7	4.4	13.1
22.10	Rea Brothers	45	− 1½	2.8	18.0

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/−	Int yld %	Gr red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
1,988	Treas 7% 1997	100[illegible]	...	6.99	6.20
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	100[illegible]		8.70	6.21
830	Exch 15% 1997	103[illegible]	[illegible]	14.49	6.23
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	102[illegible]	[illegible]	9.56	6.45
8,250	Treas 7¼% 1998	100[illegible]	[illegible]	7.21	6.57
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	106[illegible]	[illegible]	13.09	6.64
935	Treas 15½% 1998	111	[illegible]	13.96	6.72
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	107[illegible]	[illegible]	11.19	6.79
1,980	Treas 9½% 1999	104[illegible]	[illegible]	9.13	6.93
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	109[illegible]	[illegible]	11.23	6.87
1,352	Treas 10½% 1999	106[illegible]	[illegible]	9.85	6.78
8,950	Treas 6% 1999	98[illegible]	[illegible]	6.10	6.90
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	107[illegible]	[illegible]	9.54	6.94
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	105[illegible]	[illegible]	8.57	6.94
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	103[illegible]	[illegible]	7.76	7.00
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	116[illegible]	[illegible]	11.16	7.03
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	107[illegible]	[illegible]	9.14	7.06
12,750	Treas 7% 2001	99[illegible]	[illegible]	7.07	7.05
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	130[illegible]	[illegible]	9.03	7.20
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	108[illegible]	[illegible]	7.80	7.25
5,000	Treas 7¼% 2007	100[illegible]	[illegible]	7.23	7.20
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	113[illegible]	[illegible]	7.95	7.26
3,450	Treas 8% 2009	105[illegible]	[illegible]	7.56	7.28
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	91[illegible]	[illegible]	6.85	7.30
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	114[illegible]	[illegible]	7.83	7.30
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	115[illegible]	[illegible]	7.80	7.31
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85[illegible]	[illegible]	6.43	7.06
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	106[illegible]	[illegible]	7.51	7.30
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	103[illegible]	[illegible]	7.48	7.32
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	107[illegible]	[illegible]	7.46	7.27
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	114[illegible]	[illegible]	7.61	7.32
11,500	Tr 8% 2021	108[illegible]	[illegible]	7.39	7.27
UNDATED					
1,908	War Ln 3½%	47[illegible]	[illegible]	7.37	
475	Treas 2½%	33[illegible]	[illegible]	7.50	
359	Consols 4%	52[illegible]	[illegible]	7.59	..
INDEX-LINKED on projected inflation of				10%	5%

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
164.50	Rutland Trust	54½	− ½	3.2	
25.70	SEC Group	155½	− ½	2.8	13.9
39.50	S S U	335	− 6½	7.0	6.5
2,028.50	**Schroders**	1727½	− 10	1.4	18.8
673.90	Schroders NV	1437½	− 25	1.7	16.3
44.10	Secure Tst	627½		4.0	14.2
280.40	Singer & Fried	139½	− 6	4.2	17.0
5.31	Town Lex	34½	− 2½		
2.71	Tuo Hldgs	3½			
20.70	Urea	78		2.4	
34.00	Wintrust	295	− 7½	4.1	15.6

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,678.40	Brit Biotech	256½	− 15		
150.50	Cantab Pharms	917½	− 62½		
265.50	Celltech	347½	− 27½		
311.10	Chiroscience	394	12½		
274.80	Cortecs	212½	− 21		
42,429.20	**Glaxo Well**	1197½	− 91½	3.5	24.5
264.60	ML Laboratories	182½	+ 2½		47.7
1,011.40	Medeva	284½	− 6½	2.1	
122.60	Peptide Thera	342½	− 17½		
27.50	Proteus Intl	49½	− 3		
303.40	Scotia	397½	− 37½		
198.10	Shire Pharms	255½	+ 5		
289.30	SkyePharma	83½	− 3½		
26,783.10	**SmithKline**	1044	− 3½	1.9	26.1
77.80	Therp Anti Inc	262½	− 1½		
145.20	Vanguard	585½	− 19½		
62.70	Xenova	284	− 30		
17,808.20	**Zeneca**	1878½	− 90	2.2	26.6

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.90	AG Holdings	129½	− ½	6.1	10.6
198.10	API	705	− 10	2.0	21.2
15.20	App Holo	57½			
1,467.30	Arjo Wiggins	177½	+ 3½	5.3	15.7
24.60	Aspen Comm	159	− 2	4.9	58.1
46.00	Bath Press	21½	+ ½	2.6	11.7

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TRANSPORT

WATER

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1.33	Abacus Recruit	102½		0.6	19.8
5.45	Cafe Inns	188	+ 13	1.6	14.5
44.60	County Gdns	226½		0.9	20.8
134.70	Dawson Hldgs	237½	+ 7½	2.5	22.7
189.10	Freepages	41	+ ½		
54.10	Megalomedia	82½	.		51.9
25.80	Memory Corp	40½	+ 3		
79.10	Pacific Rail	314	− 1		
282.70	Reneco Egy	107½	− 17½	0.1	
177.90	Southern News	735		3.1	23.5
14.40	Southern Vectis	72½		3.3	15.6
58.00	Surrey Fr Inns	500	− 1	0.6	24.6
179.90	Trocadero	36	− 1		.

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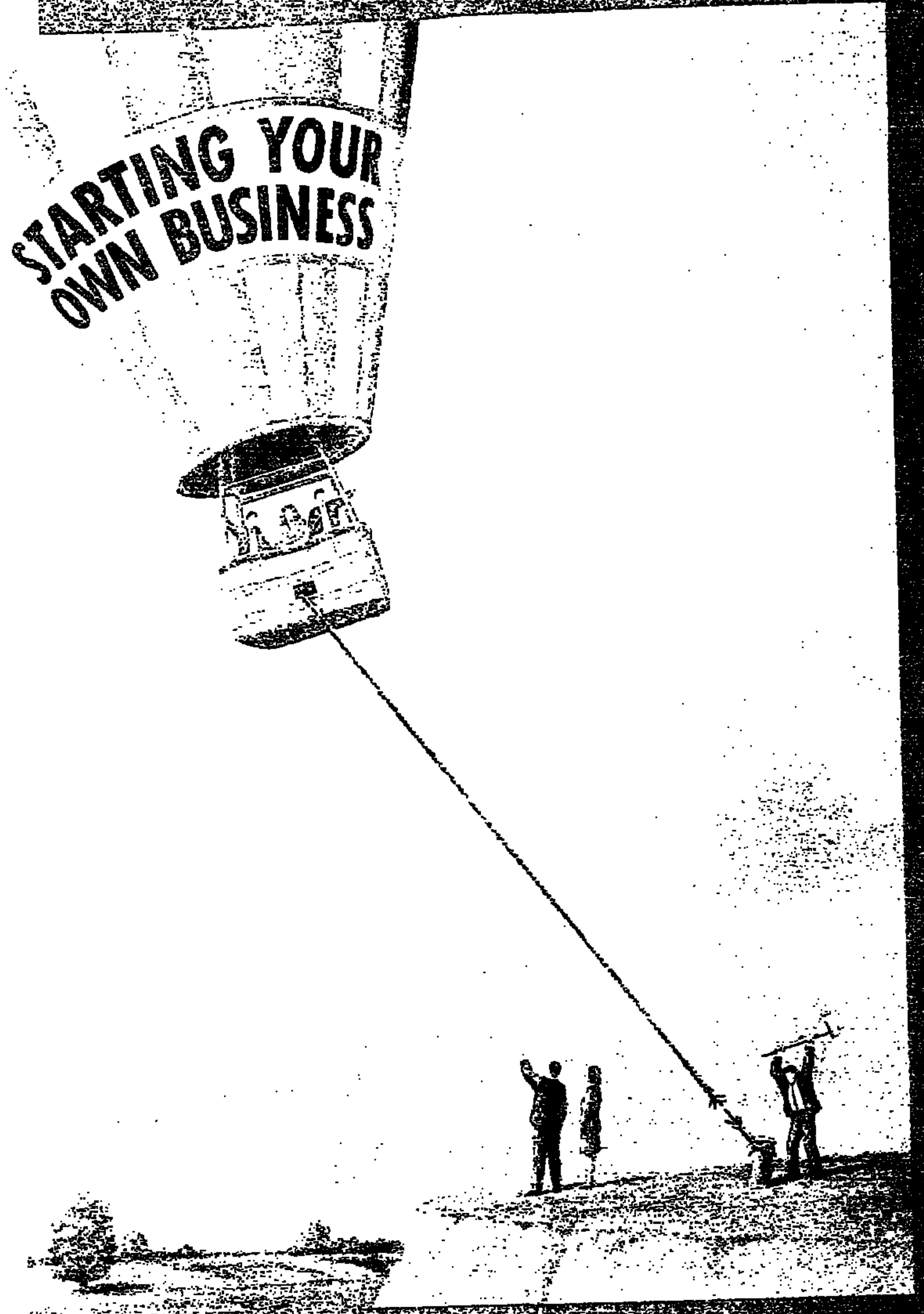

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No such thing as the 'right' exchange rate

Bernard Connolly explains why Tony Blair should retain a floating currency and resist the temptation to raise taxes

On Wednesday September 16, 1992, with the economy on its knees, the then-president of the CBI delivered himself of the remarkable judgment that "we need 15 per cent base rates like we need a hole in the head. But if it is a choice between that and devaluation then I suppose it will have to be". Fortunately for his members, there was another way out — floating the currency.

Five years ago, CBI advice was simply stupid and self-destructive. Today, the organisation's advice is self-serving but destructive for the rest of us. For the CBI, like the rest of the latterday Bourbons who clamoured for ERM entry, now favours tax increases as the way to "deal with" an exuberant economy and rapidly falling unemployment.

Even accepting that the economy needs to be reined back to keep inflation low (a judgment that the most supply-side-minded economists contest), why on earth should economic success be rewarded with tax increases?

Taxes are an economic evil, necessary to provide genuine public goods and to provide for the genuinely poor — they should never be used to keep the private sector on a leash. The alternative prescription involves higher interest rates and a climbing pound, the hallmarks of a successful capitalist economy in a period of strong growth. Sadly, however, mercantilism still reigns in many dark corners of the British economic nomenclatura. And while the economy may be delivering the goods metaphorically, it is not doing so literally — services, not manufacturing, are booming.

To a certain cast of mind, this is doubly distressing. First, services are often regarded as the province of the true entrepreneur: the man or woman who takes risks to make profits, rather than of those "captains of industry" (or their supposed representatives) who too often seek an assured return — a rent — through cosying up to the Government. Second, the service sector is more "disorderly", almost anarchic. Its success depends much on the mood of the private sector, not on the will of the authorities. That is not pleasing to the great and good who feel that when *they* push a button or pull a lever the economy ought to respond obediently and predictably to their command.

In short, the British economy is showing all the characteristics of a truly capitalist system. That is the result of Thatcherism, and in no small measure of the abolition of capital controls in 1979. That was a decision that transferred power from the State to the private sector — far more momentous than Gordon Brown's transferring power over interest rates from one part of the State to another.

Once capital could flow freely, the expected rate of return on capital was restored to its rightful place as the keystone of the economy — the variable that runs everything else. If a truly capitalist economy is to survive and prosper, its government must put in place structural policies (not least low taxes) that generate bullish private sector expectations of the rate of return.

But, as Knut Wicksell, the great Swedish economist, pointed out a century ago, if the anticipated rate of return goes up, the real rate of interest must also go up. If it does not, there will be a cumulative process of rising asset prices (equities and property in particular), overinvestment and unwise lending by banks until an overextended boom goes bust.

In our world of integrated capital markets, the real rate of interest in a successful economy can rise above the world rate only if that economy's real exchange rate is expected to depreciate. For that to happen, the real exchange rate must first rise above its notional long-run equilibrium level.

In other words, losing "competitiveness" in the upswing is absolutely essential in a capitalist economy such as Britain's. Some manufacturers will have their rents reduced in the process: that is capitalism's "gale of creative destruction", the genius of a system that in 200 years transformed, hugely for the better, the everyday life of ordinary people after centuries in which aristocracy — whether titled or not — corporatism and mercantilism (a good description of the governing principles to which Macmillan, Heath, Wilson and Callaghan disastrously returned) preserved the privileges of the few at the expense of misery for the many.

Capitalism, benign though it is, is a cyclical system. Jumps in "animal spirits" produce jumps in spending on houses, consumer durables and business investment. But the frenetic rate of spending will not (unless spurred on by over-lax monetary policies) last for ever. When it falls away, interest rates must fall with it, and so must the currency. "Competitiveness" must improve again. New Labour is right to want to avoid a premanently high level of sterling: but even more right to eschew ERM re-entry. In a dynamic capitalist economy, there is simply no such thing as the "right" exchange rate for more than an instant.

If Tony Blair means what he says about embracing capitalism, he must at the same time renounce corporatism. If he wants to fulfil his aim of improving the quality of public goods and of provision for the poor, he must keep taxes as low as possible. If he wants to improve the private opportunities available to the many he has to accept the "permanent revolution" stigmatised by that most patrician of corporatists, Douglas Hurd. And all that means that he — and the CBI — will have to learn to live with a yo-yoing pound.

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Banks look at risk in new light

More than half of the 300 major banking houses in the UK are planning to change their approach to operational risk, a London conference will be told today.

The British Bankers' Association (BBA) will unveil the results of a survey conducted by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, that shows 62 per cent of participants will beef-up their approach to operational risk, while nearly 75 per cent are now spending more money on monitoring techniques.

The BBA, which identifies operational risk as a systems failure, a control error, a criminal act and personnel risks, said 69 per cent of banks "now consider that operational risk is as significant as, or more significant than, market or credit risk".

This year, the BBA plans to study reputational risk and how it affects the City and consumers.

Co-op hearing

The Co-op goes to court tomorrow in the first leg of its private prosecution battle against Andrew Regan, the City whiz-kid who tried to take over the Co-operative Wholesale Society, and his allies David Lyons and Allan Green. The hearing at Marylebone Magistrates' Court will decide where to try the case.

Barclays plea

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, must take action now to stop a "volatile cycle" of growth and inflation, claims Barclays Bank's economic director. The best way to avoid such a cycle is for monetary policy to be tightened by raising interest rates, said Chris Wright in the bank's second quarterly review for 1997.

CMC links confirmed by NatWest

By Gavin Lumsden

NATWEST MARKETS, the securities arm of the high street bank, has admitted to links with City Mortgage Corporation (CMC), the controversial American lender that is currently under investigation by the Office of Fair Trading.

Last October the bank acquired Greenwich Capital Holdings, a company based in Connecticut. Greenwich's London office has supported City Mortgage Corporation since it set up operations two years ago by buying its loans and securitising them for the US market.

The link was revealed when solicitors acting for City Mortgage Corporation requested that Greenwich International, a subsidiary of Greenwich Capital, be appointed as co-plaintiff in a case involving a borrower fighting repossession.

Previous repossessions by City Mortgage Corporation have been done in its own name, prompting solicitors to think that they could now be successfully challenged.

The link with Greenwich has enabled City Mortgage to use "gain on sale" accounting, which incorporates future earnings from the loans. These have been boosted because many borrowers have been unable to keep up with the company's interest payments and have been forced to pay its exorbitant redemption penalties, calculated under rule 78.

Gain of sale accounts for 75 per cent of the company's income, allowing it to pay high levels of commission to mortgage brokers.

This explains why City Mortgage's recent offer to abolish rule 78 from August will not apply to existing borrowers.

However, a former associate of the company likened this to Albanian pyramid selling because it requires a constant supply of new borrowers.

The Office of Fair Trading is understood to be preparing a code of practice for mortgage lenders based on the warning that it sent to City Mortgage and 69 other lenders and brokers in February. Practices such as dual rates, high redemption charges and excessive commissions to brokers will be included.

NatWest said that it was not its responsibility to police customers' businesses when they were within the law.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

Wheat milkshakes are the order of the day as South Beach Cafes, an American bagel bar chain, floats on the Alternative Investment Market. The company, set up by Tom Burnham, pictured, is raising £1.8 million to open more London stores.

London to lead Europe for economic growth

By Alasdair Murray

LONDON'S economy is predicted to grow at a faster rate than any of its major European rivals over the next five years — even if Britain remains outside a single currency.

The European Economic Research and Advisory Consortium (Ereco), a group of leading economic research institutes, believes that London will continue to benefit from growth in the financial services sector and will maintain its position as Europe's most important financial market.

But in its annual report on European regional prospects, Ereco suggests that Birmingham will pip London to become the fastest growing major City in the UK. Economic growth in London is forecast to average 2.9 per cent over the next five years, compared with 2.6 per cent in Paris, 2.3 per cent in Frankfurt and 2.7 per cent in Milan.

The report points out that many of London's major activities, such as derivatives, fund management and insurance, will be little effected by the introduction of a single currency.

The new investment service directive, which will improve cross-border right of access to financial markets, could even strengthen London's position in equities. But Ereco cautions that the London market could lose some of its stranglehold over currency trading if UK-based banks are not permitted full access to the Target euro settlement system.

Economic growth in Birmingham is expected to average 3 per cent a year over the next five years as the city's manufacturing sector continues its revival. Cardiff is also predicted to grow strongly, at 2.9 per cent, but the forecast for Manchester is just 2.3 per cent.

☐ Britain is, economically at least, the seventh most free nation on earth, according to the Institute of Economic Affairs, the free market think-tank. The IEA claims to have drawn up a yardstick measuring the extent that citizens can engage in different economic affairs. Britain's position has improved from 34th in 1980 to seventh place.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
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German mark
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Exchange index
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FTSE 100
4661.8 (-32.1)
New York Dow Jones
7345.91 (+151.24)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
20009.00 (-315.73)

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

LETHOLOGICA
(b) The inability to remember the right word. *Lethonomia* is the inability to recall the right name. Those who suffer from either should rehearse the phrase "Excuse my lethologica/lethonomia." This is an improvement on "It's on the tip of my tongue." Unfortunately those who suffer from the conditions will never remember it.

ULTRACREPIDARIAN
(a) Going too far, overstepping the mark, presumptuous, sticking your nose into somebody else's business. From the Latin *ultra* beyond + *crepidam* a cobbler's last. Apelles was the greatest painter of aniquity, and a favourite of Alexander the Great. A cobbler once corrected his drawing of a sandal latchet in one of his paintings. When the cobbler went on to criticise the way Apelles had drawn the man's legs, the artist replied: *Ne sutor ultra crepidam*. "The cobbler should stick to his last (the foot-model on which shoes are fashioned).

HUMICUBATION
(a) The act or practice of lying on the ground, usually symbolically in penitence or self-abasement. From the Latin *humus* the ground + *cubo, cubāre* to lie down. "No, Philip, I am not intransigent or arrogant. All I expect from you is a decent modicum of humicubation."

ONERABLE
(c) Nothing to do with "honourable". But a variant of *onerous*, ie burdensome, troublesome, tiresome. From the Latin *onus* a weight. "I see that you have invited the Brigadier. He is an onerable old buffer, isn't he?"

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Fresh bid boosts Waterford shares

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

SHARES in Waterford, the Irish food company, jumped Ir12p to close at Ir110p yesterday after it confirmed that it was considering a revised merger offer from Avonmore, the Kilkenny group.

The new offer is believed to contain modifications to the structure of the board of the merged entity and slight changes to the terms of the milk price guarantees. It was considered by the board of Waterford plc yesterday. Its recommendations were put to Waterford Co-operative Society's board late last night. Waterford Co-Op owns 68 per cent of the public company and any deal would have to be approved by 75 per cent of its 5,500 farmer members.

The merger proposal surfaced more than six weeks ago and was rejected by the Waterford Foods and Waterford Co-op's boards earlier this month for not adequately reflecting the value of the company. Under the original deal Waterford shareholders were offered one Avonmore share for every two Waterford shares, valuing the target's share at 115p.

The enlarged board of the merged entity was to be made up of 19 representatives from Avonmore and 13 from Waterford. The merged Co-op was to retain a 55 per cent stake in the new entity, to be called Avonmore Waterford. The entire package which also included guarantees of higher prices for Waterford's milk suppliers was estimated to be worth Ir£281 million.

Given that most analysts viewed the original offer as generous, it is doubtful that Avonmore has made substantial changes in its revised offer.

If the merger goes ahead, the new company will be a leading player in the European food sector with milk processing capacity of almost a billion gallons. Its beef, pig meat and milk businesses in the Republic of Ireland, the UK and US will have annual sales of about Ir£2.5 billion.

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Interventionist vows to mind our own business

Philip Bassett on what Margaret Beckett is doing as President of the Board of Trade

If it's Tuesday, it must be Japan. Margaret Beckett cracks a wry smile. "Other people manage to arrange Whitsun off," says the President of the Board of Trade. "I get to go to work." Such a joke reflects both her widely recognised diligence and her determination to pursue what is a key issue for new Labour in government: not just making business-friendly noises, but taking action to ensure the continuing and indeed improving competitiveness of British companies.

Talks with the head of Toyota yesterday as well as meetings with Japanese industry and finance ministers mark Mrs Beckett taking up the reins of a trip arranged by Ian Lang, her predecessor, who lost not only his ministerial job in the election, but also his seat. She may have taken up the reins, but she has a new purpose: to clarify for key inward investors in Japan the UK's new closeness to Europe, rubbing out Conservative charges in the election that if Labour were to win, such companies would quit Britain.

Talking to *The Times* before she set off for Japan, Mrs Beckett said: "Most Japanese companies will not be affected by the social chapter. They already do for their employees far more than any of the things in people's wildest dreams about the social chapter."

Before returning to Britain tomorrow, Mrs Beckett will concentrate in Japan on issues such as inward investment and exports. But she has taken with her advice on a number of key developments that are facing the DTI and on which she may need to move soon.

"So far, she's done very little," says one engineering company head. "Other departments are really moving — look at education, look at jobs, look at health, look at the Foreign Office. Especially Gordon Brown at the Treasury. In comparison with them, she's not done much at all."

So far, the DTI has signalled a rapid move to commercial freedom for Britain's long-hamstrung Post Office, and given an indication of the possible direction of competition policy in overruling advice from the Office of Fair Trading by referring some rail franchise bids to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But Whitehall officials defend her. Some of the issues at the DTI require more than a quick fix, says one, noting issues such as business competitiveness: "They're long-term, incremental issues which don't suit a political splash."

Partly, it's been turf wars — on regional policy, on insurance supervision, on the minimum wage. Crucially for the DTI, Mrs Beckett has won back the subject of competitiveness, which for personal reasons Micheal Heseltine took with him when he moved from the DTI to the Cabinet Office. It never really fitted there: Mrs Beckett says it is central to the DTI's work: "The DTI's job is to work for everybody else in Britain — to make sure we are a competitive economy."

To that end, she has in the ministerial red boxes that accompanied her to Japan advice on how to relaunch the competitiveness initiatives taken by the previous Administration. The three competitiveness White Papers are almost certainly associated too closely with Mr Heseltine to be adopted by the new Government: but according to Whiteall insiders, Labour intends to maintain strong pressure on the issue, with a new initiative due shortly.

In terms of such industrial policy, Mrs Beckett is wholly unafraid of using such words as "intervention", although she is dismissive of the before-meals interventionist rhetoric of Mr Heseltine. She insists that the Government will support companies in Britain — not by propping them up, but by helping them to do their jobs well.

Business leaders are already welcoming some steps that Mrs Beckett *has* made in Labour's first three weeks in office, on exports: setting up an export forum and scrapping the previous Government's cheeseparing cuts in funding for UK companies to attend international trade fairs, which many companies value as a targeted means of securing export deals.

"We see a role for government in the way the previous Government did not," Mrs Beckett says. Like the successful Ministry of International Trade and Industry in Japan, which Mrs Beckett is visiting on her current trip, she intends that the UK Government will intervene directly if it is of help to assist British companies in winning deals.

"Whether it's a phone call, or something else that might change things, we will do it," she said. "If your government is not backing you, then there is clearly something wrong. Everybody else's government is backing them."

Mrs Beckett knows the value of such backing. As a Derby MP, she was closely involved in her town's successful efforts to persuade Toyota, the Japanese carmaker, to locate its principal UK manufacturing plant in the area. Far from a threat to local industry, she believes it has been a success — generating business, work and skills in precisely the kind of way Labour would like to encourage.

She intends to maintain in government the close links with business that she forged in opposition, through discreet but potent soundings carried out by bodies such as the Industry Forum, which she judges to have been of high value.

But despite wanting to keep in touch with business — Lord Simon of Highbury has joined her department from BP and Lord Hollick, the Labour industrialist, is advising her — Mrs Beckett is someone who knows her own mind and is not afraid to show it.

She is also judged by party leaders to be highly capable, on top of her business and industry brief, and cool under political fire. Though outsiders have concentrated on differences between her traditionalist Labour background and the modernisers around the Prime Minister, she is highly rated by the leadership.

She has some difficult issues to handle. Competition policy is perhaps the crucial one. Last week, before leaving for Japan, Mrs Beckett met Karel van Miert, the EU's Competition Commissioner, for talks on UK and European competition policy and legislation, and how the two systems can best be brought into line.

Mrs Beckett said: "One of the things that would be helpful to inform our consideration of the legislation is exploring, as time goes on, what are the flaws in their system as well as the advantages." She is aware of pressure from business in Britain for competition policy to be more coherent and transparent. Some competition issues are sharper than that. The planned alliance between British Airways and American Airlines is on both their desks.

The Government's legislative programme at present includes provision for a relatively limited Bill on competition, aimed at taking action against cartels and anticompetitive business practices. But the Bill could be expanded to take in the recommendations of the three-man inquiry headed by Lord Borrie, the former Director-General of Fair Trading, into both competition policy structures and key policy issues, such as changing the public interest basis in merger inquiries. The Borrie inquiry is expected to make recommendations to Mrs Beckett soon.

Though in the election campaign she once or twice swerved round another vexed issue, the minimum wage, it is now in her department's brief. She confirms the intention to set up a Low Pay Commission, comprising employers, employees and independent members, in advance of the legislation to put a legal floor under wages in Britain.

She says she is impressed by the willingness of business and trade unions to take part in the planned process and by the quality of argument on the issue so far. Anti-government rhetoric expected at union conferences in the next few weeks may provide an early test of that favourable view.

But even with such difficulties, and any carping from industry that the DTI has so far not matched the pace set by ministers such as Gordon Brown at the Treasury, Mrs Beckett's judgment is that business is so far prepared to give the new Government a fair wind. She is determined to reciprocate, for the good of business, the economy and the country, and to take action which she believes will help the UK towards those ends: "There is a role for government. It's not doing business' job for it. But if they need support, we will give it."

Margaret Beckett held talks with Shoichiro Toyoda in his capacity as chairman of Japan's Federation of Economic Organisations during her current trip there

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A decade of uncertainty

The Death of Childhood
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A three-part series on child sex abuse opens by looking again at the Cleveland case which first hit the headlines ten years ago. A total of 121 children were taken into care amid allegations, supported by a senior police surgeon and a local MP and fanned by the tabloid press, that innocent families were being torn apart. The villains were social workers and two paediatricians, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, who examined the children and supported the abuse claims. Most of the children were returned to their families. The film suggests that Higgs and Wyatt were mainly right after all. Neither was free to take part in the programme but there is enough evidence from other sources to suggest that the children who complained of being abused were not making it up.

QED: The True Story of the Elephant Man
BBC1, times vary

More than 100 years after his death Joseph Merrick continues to exercise a grisly fascination, not least among doctors trying to explain the gross bodily disfigurement which earned him his nickname. With the help of material from the London Hospital Medical College, including photographs of Merrick not previously seen on television, this absorbing film reconstructs his short and anguished life and assesses the latest medical research. Sir Frederick Treves, the surgeon who took Merrick under his wing, could offer no explanation for what he called "the most disgusting specimen of humanity I have ever seen". More recently, medical opinion has been divided between neurofibromatosis, a hereditary condition, and Proteus syndrome, a defect of skin, blood vessels and bone. John Hurt, who played the Elephant Man in the cinema, narrates.

There's Only One Barry Fry
ITV (except Anglia), 10.40pm
(Scotland and Ulster, 11.10pm)

The noisy, extrovert and hard-swearing Fry is a man made for television documentary. We met him previously when he was manager of Birmingham City. That ended in the sack and he moved on to Peterborough. This film charts his first year in charge. Putting his money into the club, as well as his non-stop mouth, Fry starts with grand ideas and high ambitions. Three wins in the first 17 matches scupper both, though not Fry's ebullience. However, as the team slides further and further towards relegation, the dressing room dressing downs get increasingly fierce and Fry's language descends from merely bad to appalling. But his stoic wife ("my best signing") and six children provide a domestic respite and despite the stress of the job, and the two heart attacks it has brought on, he says he would not change for anything.

Joseph Carey Merrick (BBC1, times vary)

Trauma: Life and Death in the ER
Channel 4, 11.00pm

This report from the emergency room of the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania may be the "real" *ER*, but it is sometimes difficult to distinguish from the fictional version. There is the same frenetic camerawork, with its dizzying zooms and pans, and the same slick editing. Not only that but the doctors actually behave like the characters in the medical drama. Their lines are so well shaped that they could have been learnt from a script. Even so there is no doubt about the dedication of this over-worked team, as it deals with a nightly intake of stabbings, gunshot wounds and car crash injuries. The sharp-eyed will notice that while the doctors are white, the patients are mostly black. This must say something about Philadelphia society. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Music Live 97: Tales from the Towpath
Radio 2, 9.30pm

The British canal system is now getting lottery money to assist the work of volunteers who spend their weekends digging, scraping and generally getting mucky to preserve our waterways, but all this effort is for pleasure purposes so that people with no previous experience can spend a week manhandling 70 feet of steel narrowboat. There is little hope of the canals re-opening to freight, so this words and music exploration of the Manchester Ship Canal is a welcome reminder of how things were and how they might still be with a bit of imaginative investment. Mike Harding tells the story of the construction of a canal that, by linking Manchester with the coast, was to turn the city into the most prosperous in the north west.

Missing Mandy
Radio 4, 2pm

The half-hour plays in this afternoon slot consistently uncover high standards of writing, often by people new to the airwaves. *Missing Mandy*, the first radio play by Brian Dooley, is no exception. The story is essentially sad but is is told with great wit and a use of irony that makes it very British. Peter (Ian Dunn) has been dumped by his girlfriend Mandy and takes up most of his time, and most of his friends' patience, being sad about it. So he joins a self-help group, Grinning Through Grief, for the benefit of which he invents a story about Mandy dying in a bizarre accident. The trouble with one lie is that it begets others, which becomes complicated when another member of the group falls for Peter. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Digital Update with Rachel Reynard 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren.

RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Diane Louise Jordan 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bits 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 The Rock'n'Roll Years 9.30 Tales from the Towpath. See Choice 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Jon Briggs 3.00 Adrian Finighan

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5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.35 Murray Walker's Grand Prix World 8.00 The Tuesday Match. Commentary on the friendly between Scotland and Wales 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanna 2.00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour. 6.00am Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Hong Kong: Imperial Orphan 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Pop Science 9.00 News in German 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Keep To The Path Through Europe 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 Business 10.15 Sound Business 10.30 Literature File 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Hong Kong: Imperial Orphan 1.00 News in German 1.05 Business 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Health Matters 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.15 Keep To The Path Through Europe 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Meridian Live 11.30 The World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.30 The Farming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.30 Meridian Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Reed 9.00 The Hall of Fame Hour 10.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsnight 7.30 Sonata. Ravel (Violin Sonata) 8.00 Concert. Liszt (Piano Concerto No 2 in A major); Brahms (Variations on a theme of Haydn) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Horne 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

RADIO 3

6.00am **On Air**, with Penny Gore. Includes Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnole); Donizetti (String Quartet No 15 in F); Brahms (Four Songs, Op 17); MacCunn (The Land of the Mountain and the Flood); Dario Castello (Sonata Duodecima); Britten (Suite: Gloriana)
9.00am **Morning Collection**, with Catriona Young. Includes Verdi (Overture, Alzira); Mozart (Piano Sonata in F, K280); Glazunov (Symphony No 6 in C minor)
10.00 **Musical Encounters**, with Mark Rowlinson. Includes Smetana (Vysehrad, Ma Vlast); Bridge (The Pageant of London, original version); Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 6 in B flat, BWV1051); Shchedrin (Old Circus Music, Concerto for Orchestra No 3); Bach (Italian Concerto in F, BWV971); Barbirolli (Elizabethan Suite); Holst (Suite No 2, original version)
12.00 **Composer of the Week: Korngold**. Includes The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex (Overture); Much Ado About Nothing (Garden scene; Hornpipe); Military March; Einfache Lieder; Der Ring der Polykrates (Scene seven); Prelude and Carnival (Violanta)
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras**. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conductor Jean-Yves Ossonce; Marco Rizzi, violin. Barber (Violin Concerto); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
2.15 **Voices**. Ian Burnside introduces a selection of songs by *Composer of the Week*, Erich Wolfgang Korngold. With Karl Daymond, baritone, and Ingrid Jacob, piano. Includes settings from *Twelfth Night*
3.00 **The BBC Orchestras**. BBC Philharmonic, conductor Edward Downes. Humperdinck (Overture, Hansel and Gretel); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 4 in F minor)
4.00 **Spirit of the Age**. George Pratt and Jeremy Barlow discuss the influence of dance forms on music, illustrating their theme with music by Robert Johnson, Matthew Locke, Beethoven and Elgar (r)
5.00 **Music Machine**. Verity Sharp follows the progress of the young composer Tim Benjamin as he writes a new work for five members of the BBC Philharmonic
5.15 **In Tune**. Live from Green Park Station, Bath. Chris de Souza's guests include Henry's Eight performing music by Whyte, Byrd, Gombert, Gibbons and Morley
7.25 **Billy Budd**. Live from the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. The baritone Thomas Hampson sings the title role, with Anthony Rolfe Johnson, tenor, Eric Halfvarson, bass, and Russell Smyth, baritone. Members of the Halle Choir, Northern Voices, Manchester Boys' Choir and the Halle Orchestra under conductor Kent Nagano. Acts 1 and 2 8.45 Bruce Chatwin. Susannah Clapp introduces readings from Chatwin's book *The Viceroy of Ouidah*. Read by Anthony Hyde 9.10 Billy Budd, Acts 3 and 4
10.30 **Jesting with Art**. Murray Perahia plays a selection of keyboard sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti
10.45 **Night Waves**: Richard Coles looks at the new collection of essays by Richrad Taruskin, *Defining Russia Musically*, and also Greil Marcus's *Invisible Republic*, a new study of the basement tapes of Bob Dylan
11.30 **Composer of the Week: Handel** (r)
12.30am **Jazz Notes**. Campbell Burnap presents more from the 1997 EBU Jazz Festival in Helsinki
1.00 **Through the Night**, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am **Shipping Forecast (LW)** 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.45 Speak After the Beep. A four-part performance written by Michael Frayn. Performed by Martin Jarvis 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Call Edward Stourton**. The number to call with your questions for the guest of the day is 0171-580 4444
10.00 **News; Hong Kong — The Closing Year**. A series in which diarists record their feelings as the British Crown Colony gets a new identity. The subjects include Anna Marden, Emily Lau, Jimmy McGregor, Flora Cheong-Leen, Hugh Davies and David Chu (2/6)
10.00 **Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)**
10.30 **Woman's Hour**, with Jenni Murray. Includes a look at how children are treated as witnesses in civil and criminal courts
11.30 **All in the Mind**. Professor Anthony Clare with more news from the fields of psychiatry and psychology
12.00 **News; You and Yours**. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm **Quote... Unquote**. Nigel Rees chairs the quiz and on the panel are Patrick Barlow, Barry Cryer, Ruth Dudley-Edwards and George Melly. The reader is Patricia Hughes 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**, with Nick Clarke
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Missing Mandy**. See Choice
2.30 **Comparing Notes with Brian Kay**. Cleo Laine and John Dankworth talk about the Wavendon Music Festival in Buckinghamshire
3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**. Today's programme begins an A to Z of youth culture
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**. Paul Vaughan reads Philip Roth's new novel, *American Pastoral*, set in 1960s America and investigates the Ashmolean Museum's collection of Mendelssohn memorabilia
4.45 **Short Story: Second-Hand Bride**, by Susan Chaney. Read by Carol Ann Crawford
5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 Minor Adjustment**. Andy and Eric Merriman's comedy about a family whose daughter has Down's Syndrome. With Peter Davison, Samantha Bond and Claire Russell (5/6) (r)
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **File on 4**. News and current affairs from around the world with Richard Watson
8.00 **Science Now**. How well-designed and how safe are the objects we interact with every day? (r)
8.30 **The Network**. In the fifth of six programmes about the information age, Alun Lewis tries to do his weekly shopping from home
9.00 **In Touch**. Peter White with news and features for visually impaired people
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Jeremy Harris
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: A Month in the Country**, by J. L. Carr. Read by Samuel West (2/8)
11.00 **Mediumwave**. A look at the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 **A Night with... Benjamin Zephaniah**. In the last of the six-part series, the musician and Rastafarian poet talks about the hours after dark as inspiration for his work (r)
12.00 **News** incl 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am **The Late Book: A White Mare with Fins**, by James Hawes. Read by Michael Sheen (7/8)
12.48 **Shipping Forecast** 1.00 As World Service

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Martin Bell: a dead ringer for a Capra hero

REVIEW

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Life can take more improbable turns than even the scariest helter-skelter. Guess who said this, for instance: "Sometimes in life, you have challenges, you can make a difference. You can take stands that you might regret not having taken. It's going to be uncomfortable. But why shouldn't I contribute something instead of standing on the outside of life, watching?"

The Prince of Wales? Ginger Spice? Eric Cantona? Actually, it was Martin Bell, explaining, in **Mr Bell Goes To Westminster** (BBC2), how he came to be catapulted from standing in front of a TV camera in Bosnia with only a microphone in his hand, to the even scarier position of standing in front of several TV cameras in Tatton with NO microphone in his hand. The idea behind his running for Parliament was to stop being a "mere" observer in life. What he learnt very quickly was that the man with the microphone can be as powerful as the man with the rifle. And just as ruthless.

"Bastards! Bastards!" cursed our white-suited hero after seeing how the BBC had reported his first walkabout of the election campaign. The BBC camera shadowed him through Wilmslow, but had, he felt, rejected truth in favour of a spicy story. So he telephoned his old bosses to complain: "I have 25 in favour, three against, and you give me just one of the three against. What kind of journalism is that? How can you defend it?" And Bell thought his new mission was to clean up politics.

There really is a Frank Capra air about Bell and his victory as MP for Tatton. Partly this is because his tale, like Capra's *It Happened One Night*, or *Mr Smith Goes To Washington*, trumpets the essential goodness of the common man and ends with honesty and justice triumphing over greed and selfishness — represented here by the Tory Neil Hamilton. As Neil hissed about his upstart rival, his missus, Christine, concentrated on keeping those chevron eyebrows way up her forehead, creating her trademark appearance of a woman in a permanent state of mild alarm, as though the Invisible Man were goosing her.

But the Capraesque flavour is reinforced by the way Bell still talks in the lingo of the 1930s. It is as if he has spent so long abroad as a foreign correspondent that his idiom is frozen in a time warp. How was it, for example, that he seemed so flustered and conciliatory when the Hamiltons ambushed him on a heath at the start of the campaign? "I'm just not the kind of chap who comes up to a perfect stranger and says, Sir, you are a liar and a scoundrel!" You know what Marty? Not many of us still are.

Later, when explaining how he tackled the question of Hamilton's antics in a way that would avoid hurling mud and slander at the Conservative candidate, Bell tells us: "What I did was I quoted from the Army Act of 1955, as I had been a soldier, and what it was was 'Conduct Unbecoming'. People understand Conduct Unbecoming." You betcha!

Peeking behind the scenes at his makeshift campaign HQ, we can now be even more impressed by how Bell secured an 11,000 majority. It was like *Blue Peter* for grown-ups: an election campaign glued together from loo roll tubes, empty Fairy Liquid bottles and sticky-backed plastic. A Victorian amateur adventurer assaulting Everest dressed in a three-piece tweed suit and spats would have seemed no less ambitious.

It made Lenny Henry's trip into the rainforest look straightforward. Henry — following not so much in the steps of Scott and Stanley and Hillary, but more in the steps of Joanna Lumley's desert island escapade — decided he really would play the amateur adventurer, but with full camera crew backup. In **Lenny's Big Amazon Adventure** (BBC1), the comedian waded into the Peruvian jungle with Lofty Wiseman, a survival expert and SAS veteran. Lofty teaches Lenny how to light fires and catch fish. After six days, Lofty leaves Lenny alone at night to test his mettle. Lenny survives.

This *Celebrity Daktari* (Billy Connolly has had a go, too) is becoming as fashionable as the Spice Girls. Sending Lumley or Connolly or Henry into the wilderness is not very different from those Japanese game shows that Clive James used to mock: how much are the celebs willing to suffer for a TV commission?

Henry is too talented for this sort of thing. The effect was to highlight how much tougher Martin Bell had it in the political jungle. Ann Widdecombe can certainly bite more deeply than many tropical beasties. And, offered a choice between running into Christine Hamilton's eyebrows on a dark night, or a tarantula, you might choose Mrs Hamilton: but you'd think hard about it first.

Christine Hamilton now turns up on our TV screens as frequently as the Spice Girls, Ginger, Baby, Sporty, Scary and Posh — but, miraculously, not Mrs Hamilton — were the star turn in last night's **Royal Gala** (ITV). Held at Manchester's Opera House to celebrate 21 years of the Prince's Trust, this K-Tel style sampler of current popular culture gathered together everybody from Julian Clary, Stephen Fry and Michael Barrymore, through excerpts from Cirque du Soleil and *Beauty and the Beast*, to the Manchester United football squad and, of course, the Spice Girls. These Culture McNuggets would make a handy video to send to great-uncles who fled to tropical corners of the Empire years ago and might be interested to know how the folks back in Blighty are being entertained, now that old stagers such as Max Miller are no longer around. Or Neil Hamilton, come to that.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (54244)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (59602)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3602756)

9.20 Style Challenge (6146973)

9.45 Kilroy (T) (7491621)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (94602)

11.00 News (T) and weather (7242466)

11.05 The Great Escape (T) (7609466)

11.35 Real Rooms (3391440)

12.00 News (T) and weather (8879737)

12.05pm Call My Bluff (8517843)

12.35 Mary Berry at Home (9958843)

1.00 News (T) and weather (69089)

1.30 Regional News and weather (86292756)

1.40 The Weather Show (99461843)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (40381485)

2.10 Quincy (r) (6120447)

2.55 Through the Keyhole (6889640)

3.20 Closet Secrets he colourful history of the tie (r) (6923911)

3.30 Playdays (r) (8742911) **3.50** Plasmo (5016398) **3.55** Arthur (8752398) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (r) (T) (7180602) **4.35** Round the Twist (r) (T) (1854911) **5.00** Newsround (T) (4012843) **5.10** Activ-8 (T) (6898669)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (158486)

6.00 News (T) and weather (621)

6.30 Regional News (286)

7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt John Holdsworth tries his hand as a steward on the Orient Express and Ross Kelly gets to grips with a Venetian gondolier (T) (7621)

7.30 EastEnders Ricky has a night out with the lads (T) (485)

8.00 Children's Hospital A boy whose hand has been damaged by a firework is rushed into the casualty unit (T) (3669)

8.30 Only Fools and Horses Classic comedy, with David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (r) (T) (2176)

9.00 News (T) and weather (4756)

9.30 The Jasper Carrott Trial Highlights from 28 years of stand-up routines (T) (25060)
WALES: 9.30 Week in Week Out (25060) **10.00** The Jasper Carrott Trial (19911) **10.30** QED (134669) **11.20** The X Files (327602) **12.05am** International Football: Scotland v Wales (2214409) **12.35** Film 97 (3899799) **1.10** Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup (8113683) **2.00-3.40** FILM: The Mean Season (1985) (838799)

10.00 QED: The True Story of the Elephant Man (T) (231911)

10.50 The X Files (r) (T) (365602)

11.35 Film 97 with Barry Norman Includes reviews of *Absolute Power*, starring and directed by Clint Eastwood; *Turbulence* with Ray Liotta; *The Secret Agent* based on a novel by Joseph Conrad; and Stanley Tucci's latest movie *Big Night* (T) (768195)

12.10am Cricket: Benson and Hedges Cup (1526428)

1.00 The Mean Season (1985) with Kurt Russell, Mariel Hemingway, Richard Jordan and Andy Garcia. A Miami journalist strikes up an uneasy relationship with a serial killer. Directed by Phillip Borsos (T) (504374) FILM

2.40 Weather (1554428)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: Scenes from Dr Faustus (8961911) **6.25** San Marco: A Dominican Priory (8957718) **6.50** Crime and Punishment (8431331) **7.15** See Hear Breakfast News (3323621)

7.30 Juniper Jungle (7274963) **7.40** Eek! the Cat (3875398) **7.45** Thunderlizards (3874669) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1636060) **8.15** Buried Treasure (8483640) **8.35** Raccoons (3736805) **9.00** Red Nose Awards (r) (84973)

10.00 Teletubbies (44282) **10.30** The Adventures of Skippy (92244) **11.00** Madhur Jaffrey's Flavour of India (89843) **12.00** See Hear! (16824) **12.30pm** Working Lunch (43466) **1.00** Juniper Jungle (10273224) **1.10** A-Z of Food (85219824) **1.20** Alias Smith and Jones (2192263) **2.10** Making Babies (7819640) **3.00** News (T) (6927737) **3.05** Making Babies (8511718) **3.55** News (T) (5006911)

4.00 Blockbusters (5083060) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5093447) **4.55** Esther. With 1960s icon Twiggy, featuring contributions from director John Schlesinger and photographer Terry O'Neill (1981973) **5.30** Today's the Day (350)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air Will and Lisa agree to see a marriage counsellor before tying the knot (r) (743963)

6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (152008)

7.10 The O Zone (422737)

7.30 Homeground Insight into the contrasting lives and opinions of two neighbours in rural Sussex — TV writer Carla Lane, well-known for her campaigns against animal cruelty, and Rory Clark, whose family have run a shooting estate for more than 200 years (T) (517)

8.00 Two Fat Ladies Clarissa Dickson Wright and Jennifer Paterson come to the aid of hungry priests at Westminster Cathedral (r) (T) (4991)

8.30 Food and Drink A two-part compilation of the series' highlights (T) (4878)

Promotion for McCormack (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder One The firm defends a serial killer. Wyler assigns Justine Appleton as his deputy, an appointment which will affect their personal realtionship. With Mary McCormack (3027)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (383008)

11.15 Ruby With the actresses Frances Barber and Meera Syal and the Marquess of Bath (618466)

11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (104843)

12.25am Weather (9252935)

12.30 Learning Zone: Open University: the True Geometry of Nature (27765) **1.00** The Roof of the World (78751) **1.30** Mind Readers (24428) **2.00** Signed Landmarks: Portrait of Britain (61577) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (37577) **4.30** Teaching and Learning with IT Special (66916) **5.00** Inside Europe (68886) **5.30** Film Education (28683)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (4255114)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6154992)

9.55 Regional News (T) (3589027)

10.00 The Time, the Place (48008)

10.30 This Morning (T) (62408398)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (8868621)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9944640)

12.55 Shortland Street (9929331)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (70017737)

1.50 Afternoon Live (40364718)

2.20 Vanessa: Who's Left Holding the Babies? (T) (40552089)

2.49 HTV Crimestoppers (8264060)

2.50 Afternoon Live (2271669)

3.20 News (T) (6934027)

3.25 Regional News (T) (6933398) **3.30** Potamus Park (r) (6287485) **3.40** Wizadora (7808992) **3.50** Old Bear Stories (7804176) **4.00** Scooby Doo (5189602) **4.10** Garfield and Friends (T) (5118114) **4.20** Waynehead (T) (7199350) **4.40** Island (9029027)

5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r) (7507553)

5.40 News (T) (271244)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (426599)

6.25 HTV Weather (924350)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (669)

7.00 Emmerdale Mandy feigns indifference as Paddy bids farewell. A shock awaits Zoe at Home Farm and Kathy has a battle on her hands to keep Alice (T) (9089)

7.30 Take 3 New series focussing on issues affecting the region (553)

8.00 The Bill DS Boulton is suspected of encouraging the father of a mugging victim to turn vigilante (T) (8737)

8.30 The Cook Report Investigating mobile phone crime (T) (7244)

Kotz and Dingwall (9.00pm)

9.00 Touching Evil A spate of barbaric attacks on horses leads Creegan to a group of young people being manipulated by a role-playing game on the Internet. With Robson Green, Adam Kotz and Shaun Dingwall (T) (6466)

10.00 News (T) (11379)

10.30 Regional News (774466)

10.40 There's Only One Barry Fry Sean Bean narrates a candid profile of the Peterborough manager (T) (858737)

11.40 Hunter (r) (706927)

12.35am Dating the Enemy (2021480)

1.40 Late and Loud (6714848)

2.40 The Chart Show (r) (8168585)

3.35 F1: Spanish Grand Prix Highlights from Barcelona (r) (7434935)

4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (86770)

5.00 Heirloom: Porcelain (r) (55312)

5.30 News (22409)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9929331)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7507553)

6.25-7.00 Central News (435843)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (553)

11.40 Highlander (784973)

12.40am Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (5376206)

1.15 Film: Mr Kingstreet's War (617312)

2.55 In Focus (3217041)

3.40 The Big Match Replayed (1137596)

4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (5150348)

5.20 Asian Eye (8671935)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.50 Emmerdale (3254843)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7507553)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (48911)

7.30-8.00 Waterlines (553)

11.40 Highlander (706927)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7507553)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (319)

6.30-7.00 Truly, Madly, Weekly (669)

7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (553)

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (706927)

5.00am Freescreen (55312)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9929331)

5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7507553)

6.23 Anglia Weather (932379)

6.25-7.00 Anglia News (435843)

7.30-8.00 Homemaker (553)

10.40 Chiller (858737)

11.40 Swift Justice (706927)

S4C

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (70282)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (75640)

9.00 Bewitched (9398992)

9.35 Sister, Sister (5969992)

10.05 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (3563089)

10.30 The Crystal Maze (3554008)

11.35 The Pink Panther (1252008)

12.05pm California Dreams (5600027)

12.30 Ricki Lake (38534)

1.00 Slot Meithrin (80441572)

1.15 Pingu (80441527)

1.30 I Love Lucy (37805)

2.00 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Islwyn '97 (629114)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One (466)

5.00 5 Pump (9945)

5.30 Countdown (718)

6.00 Newyddion (679398)

6.05 Heno (626337)

6.35 Sion a Sian (931640)

7.00 Pobol y Cwm (143718)

7.25 Eisteddfod Yr Urdd Islwyn '97 (3016195)

8.30 Newyddion (8114)

9.00 George and Mildrid (7466)

9.30 Rising Damp (58398)

10.00 Brookside (682621)

10.35 Father Ted Christmas Special (4460282)

11.40 Northern Exposure (506909)

12.35am Film: Up Pompeii (590645)

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (70282)

7.00 The Bigger Breakfast (75640) incorporating **9.00** Bewitched (r) (T) (9398992) **9.35** Sister, Sister (r) (5969992) **10.05** Hangin' with Mr Cooper (r) (T) (3563089) **10.30** The Crystal Maze (r) (3554008) and **11.35** The Pink Panther (7896850)

12.05pm California Dreams (r) (59832) **12.30** Light Lunch (24060) **1.30** Plus One Minus One Animation (99465669)

1.35 Kismet (1944) with Ronald Colman and Marlene Dietrich. An *Arabian Nights* story about a man determined to have his daughter married into royalty while he is seducing the king's wife. William Dieterle directs (T) (55278350) FILM

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (447) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (282) **4.30** Countdown (T) (1848350) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (1916669) **5.30** Animal Passions. John Nettles presents unusual animal stories (718)

6.00 Friends Monica's aunt gives the girls a few poker lessons with amazing results (r) (T) (721961)

6.25 Fluke Comedy game show (171242)

6.55 Fresh Pop (977602)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (187089)

7.50 Best of Brass First of four programmes shown on successive nights featuring music from the All England Masters Brass Band Championship (842737)

8.00 Moving People A fire officer returns to her home three months after a blaze killed her husband; a New Age couple face eviction in Chepstow and two pensioners leave their memories behind when they move to be closer to their family. Presented by John Peel (T) (4/8) (6379)

8.30 Brookside Max and Susannah have to pick up the pieces after her suicide attempt (T) (8114)

A young victim of abuse (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **The Death of Childhood: Cleveland: Unspeakable Truths** (T) (1/3) (4008)

10.00 Hearts and Minds Jimmy McGovern's award-winning drama set in an inner-city Liverpool comprehensive (r) (T) (1/4) (7195)

11.00 CHOICE **Trauma** A real-life drama series from the emergency rooms of various American hospitals (62176)

12.00 Film Night (4366157)

12.40am Celia (1988) with Rebecca Smart and Nicholas Ede. A father is worried that his nine-year-old daughter is being influenced by his Communist neighbours. Directed by Ann Turner (T) (236935) FILM

2.30 Emma's War (1985) A rites-of-passage drama with Miranda Otto and Lee Remick. Directed by Clytie Jessop (269645) FILM

4.20 'Neath Arizona Skies (1934, b/w) John Wayne western directed by Harry L. Fraser (5141190) FILM

5.20 Backdate (r) (T) (9479428)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. **Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder** will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: **10.92075 GHz**, sound: **7.02 and 7.20 MHz**

6.00 am 5 News Early (8368843)

7.30 Havakazoo (5113263) **8.00** Adventures of the Bush Patrol (8063485)

8.30 WideWorld: Our Children, Ourselves How children's drawings can reflect not only the child's view, but also the culture we live in (8062756)

9.00 Espresso (2000008) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7670621) **10.30** Hot Property (r) (T) (8042992)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (9719992) **11.50** Double Espresso (34010282) **12.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (8033244) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (4145263)

1.00 5 News Update (49461282) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (3122805) **2.00** 5's Company (7644534)

3.30 Storm and Sorrow (1990) with Lori Singer and Todd Allen. Drama about an American team attempting to scale a treacherous mountain in the former Soviet Union. Directed by Richard A. Colla (8339331) FILM

5.30 100 Per Cent (9815485)

6.00 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T) (9812398)

6.30 Family Affairs Roy declares that he is in love, but won't disclose who the object of his affections is (T) (9896350)

7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news (4912701)

7.30 Flights of Fancy: Birds of the Burning Soda The flamingos at Lake Bogoria in Africa's Great Rift Valley (T) (9892534)

At home with Uri Geller (8.00pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune The lifestyle of Uri Geller (4112909)

8.30 5 News (5667094)

9.00 Face of Evil (1996) with Tracey Gold, Shawnee Smith and Perry King. Thriller about a woman who stops at nothing, including murder, to pursue her ambition to be a successful artist. Directed by Mary Lambert (73123355) FILM

10.40 Exclusive Extra Late-evening edition of the showbiz gossip show (5763319)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Comedy and chat (5468060)

11.40 The Comedy Store Featuring Alistair McGowan, Phil Tonkinson, Phil Davey and Junior Simpson (5886669)

12.10am Live and Dangerous presented by Dominik Diamond and Trish Adudu. Featuring the IndyCar Missouri Grand Prix at **2.00** (78320747)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4700461)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2058645)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (197350) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (57843) **10.00** Another World (16911) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (96337) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (79805) **1.00pm** Geraldo (88553) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (85553) **3.00** Jenny Jones (95379) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (13094) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1466) **6.00** Real TV (7756) **6.30** Married — with Children (8008) **7.00** The Simpsons (2195) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7992) **8.00** Speed! (1843) **8.30** Real TV UK (6850) **9.00** Blazing Infernos (77242) **10.00** The Practice (17089) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (17640) **12.00** America's Dumbest Criminals (67696) **12.30am** L.A.P.D. (28119) **1.00** Hit Mix Long Play (9770157)

SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (3845350) **7.30** Superboy (3632992) **8.00** Xena: Warrior Princess (7864350) **9.00** Pacific Blue (7884114) **10.00** Malibu Shores (7854973). **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (4704737) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (4961138)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES

6.10am Running Brave (1983) (92575485) **8.00 The Seventh Dawn (1964)** (66762447) **10.05 The Lion (1962)** (30131718) **12.00 Story Book (1994)** (99756) **2.00pm A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes (1995)** (671534) **3.50 The Lion (1962)** (154602) **5.30 Story Book (1994)** (34973) **7.00 Hercules and the Lost Kingdom (1994)** (13824) **9.00 Tank Girl (1995)** (98514824) **10.45 Angels and Insects (1995)** (656060) **12.45am The Bait (1995)** (987480) **2.45 Thin Ice (1995)** (480732) **4.15 Running Brave (1983)** (489664)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.20am The Joy of Living (1938) (45910805) **8.00 Inhumanoids: The Movie (1986)** (74447) **10.00 The Ghost Ship (1943)** (5075718) **11.15 A Girl Must Live (1939)** (5368195) **12.30pm Bedtime Story (1941)** (97379) **2.00 Lucky Me (1954)** (22911) **4.00 Inhumanoids: The Movie (1986)** (7640) **6.00 The Magic Bubble (1992)** (32534) **7.30 Special Feature: The Cannes Film Festival** (4682) **8.00 Sharon's Secret (1995)** (14992) **10.00 Under Siege 2: Dark Territory (1995)** (356485) **11.45 Confessions of a Sorority Girl (1994)** (184689) **1.05am Red Shoe Diaries: Four on the Floor (1996)** (6334041) **2.35 The Man in My Life (1993)** (240645) **4.20 Lucky Me (1954)** (487799)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Horse Feathers (1932) (91277843) **7.10 The Dancing Masters (1943)** (30552379) **8.15 Spaceballs (1987)** (24028060) **10.00 Alien (1979)** (4677534) **12.00 Defenceless (1991)** (8040799) **1.45am Good Morning and Goodbye (1967)** (42684428) **3.10 The Spanish Main (1945)** (7826022) **4.50 Horse Feathers (1932)** (45722225)

TNT

9.00pm National Velvet (1944) (45454718) **11.05 The VIPs (1963)** (21325089) **1.15am The Secret of My Success (1965)** (26817428) **3.15-5.00 Time Without Pity (1957)** (30369480)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (46176) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (98195) **8.30** Racing News (68466) **9.00** Sports Centre (57718) **9.30** Super League (5899350) **10.55** Live Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket (61911) **7.00** Sports Centre (3909) **7.30pm** Live Super League (32379) **9.29** Sports Centre (131089) **9.30** Skill Sailing (77060) **10.00** Sports Centre (61911) **10.30** Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket (24718) **12.00** Sports Centre (85670) **12.30am** Super League (68596) **2.30-3.00** Sports Centre (88206)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 World Pool Masters (95668174) **1.00pm** Women's Golf (95644534) **2.00** Sports Unlimited (62254089) **3.00** NHL Ice Hockey (65275602) **4.59** Sports Centre (65834737) **5.00** Wrestling: Live Wire (80186911) **6.00** Sports Centre (23270892) **6.30** The Winning Post: Live Horse Racing (92512756) **8.30** NBA Basketball (75280602) **10.30-11.30** World Pool Masters (39513398)

EUROSPORT

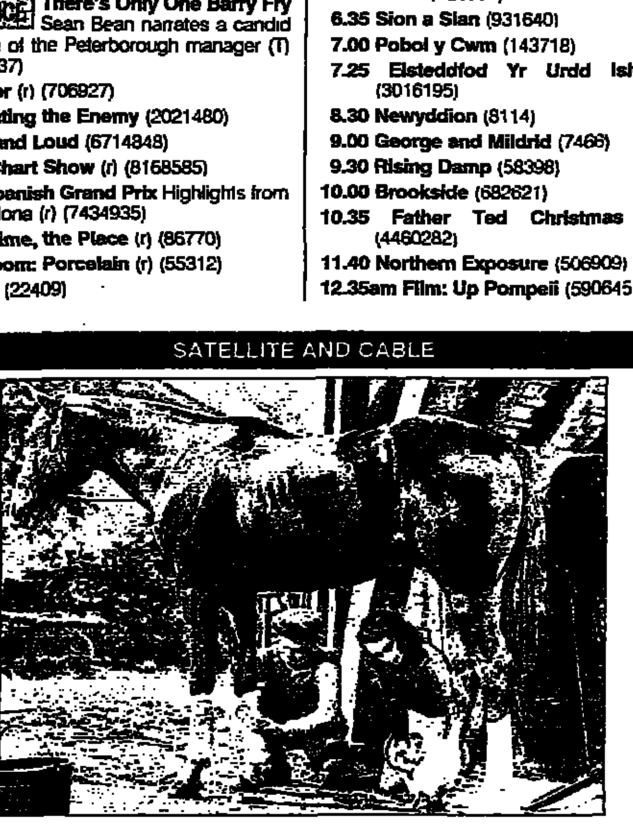
7.30am Rhythmic Gymnastics European Championships (92517) **9.00** Touring Car STW Cup (97485) **10.00** Tennis: French Open — Live (9531737) **7.00pm** Football: Toulon Under-21 Cup — Live (26437599) **8.45** Football: Toulon Under-21 Cup (731843) **9.00** Football. World Cup Legends (63282) **10.00** Tennis: French Open Rendez-Vous (73669) **11.00** Equestrianism (40992) **12.00-12.30** Sailing (95698)

UK GOLD

7.00am Record Breakers (8750737) **7.35** Neighbours (6144080) **8.00** Crossroads (8854973) **8.25** EastEnders (4339398) **9.00** The Bill (7731805) **9.30** You're Only Young Twice (4978737) **10.00** Duty Free (4825008) **10.30** The Sullivans (7737089) **11.00** Casualty (25026909) **12.05pm** Crossroads (86482553) **12.30** Neighbours (4972553) **1.00** EastEnders (8539485) **1.35** Gingerbread Girl (8394398) **2.10** A Little Bit of Dawson (94707398) **2.20** Nineteenth Hole (71958824) **2.50** 'Allo 'Allo! (3556176) **3.30** The Bill (3864244) **4.00** Boon (3378843) **5.00** Generation Game (63990992) **6.05** EastEnders (4373850) **6.40** Sykes (5660824) **7.20** Russ Abbot (5645534) **7.50** Rising Damp (7121282) **8.20** Hi-De-Hi (6348485) **9.00** The Bill (3374027) **9.30** Casualty (7824008) **10.30** What a Carry On! (7734534) **11.05** London Bridge Special (4168379) **12.05am FILM: Without a Clue** (4797428) **1.50** Spring and Autumn (2638119) **2.25** Shopping (75125480)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (4064114) **7.00** Classic Coronation Street (6900447) **7.30** Families (6912282) **8.00** Surprise, Surprise (1032758) **9.00** The Professionals (7041485) **10.00** Richard and Judy Exclusive (9976379) **10.30** Doctor at Large (9327911) **11.00** The Gentle Touch (6998602) **12.00** Classic Coronation Street (9318263) **12.30pm** Families (8953963) **1.00** Crown Court (6909718) **1.30** The Good Life Guide (9303404) **2.00** This Year, Next Year (9977008) **3.00** The Gentle Touch (9157350) **4.00** Surprise, Surprise (9176485) **5.00** The Professionals (3408195) **6.00** Families (2961843) **6.30** Classic Coronation Street (2952195) **7.00** Surprise, Surprise (6223843) **8.00** The Gentle Touch (6209263) **9.00** Classic Coronation Street (9172669) **9.30** The Comedians (6958319) **10.00-11.00** The Professionals (6222114)



Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor and her mount (TNT, 9.00pm)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am FILM: Chipmunk Adventure (1657176) **7.15** Little Mermaid (5277654) **7.40** Aladdin (4798027) **8.05** Quack Pack (8790840) **9.00** Timon and Pumbaa (7461008) **10.05** Aladdin (2849737) **11.05** Quack Attack (3222379) **11.30** Microscopic Milton (4868805) **11.35** Big Garage (9429911) **11.50** Lamb Chop (2035027) **12.20pm** Mouse and Mole (7230824) **12.25** Fraggle Rock (3713669) **12.50** Sing Me a Story (4477669) **1.10** Care Bears (31079669) **1.35** Mouse Tracks (60764282) **2.00** Timon and Pumbaa (77087027) **2.10** Quack Pack (24838114) **2.35** Little Mermaid (3195242) **3.00** Timon and Pumbaa (68805) **4.00** Goof Troop (7236824) **4.25** Aladdin Double Bill (9913331) **5.25** Timon and Pumbaa (5750916) **5.35** Mighty Ducks (939756) **6.00** New Doug (8282) **6.30** Boy Meets World (9534) **7.00** Brotherly Love (6331) **7.30 FILM: Just Like Dad** (33821) **9.00** Dave's World (74824) **9.30-10.00** Golden Girls (33640)

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Three Little Ghosts (9904621) **6.30** Inspector Gadget (9223027) **7.00** Samurai Pizza Cats (4795089) **7.30** Eagle Riders (4707824) **8.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (2965331) **8.30** Mortal Kombat (2964602) **9.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (2988282) **9.30** Masked Rider (4719447) **10.00** X Men (9214379) **10.30** The Tick (2984486) **11.00** Life with Louie (6130060) **11.30** C Bear and Jamal (6148089) **12.00** Skysurfer Strikeforce (2975718) **12.30pm** Extreme Heroes (4713263) **1.00** Highlander (4787060) **1.30** Eagle Riders (4712534) **2.00** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (3841534) **2.30** Mortal Kombat (3651027) **3.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs (3880689) **3.30** Masked Rider (3623244) **4.00** Top 10 (3643379) **4.30** Top 10 (3631263) **5.00** Life with Louie (3865114) **5.30** Spiderman (3655843) **6.00** X Men (3652756) **6.30-7.00** Goosebumps (3643008)

TCC

6.00am Spirou (39485) **6.30** Iznogoud (43114) **7.00** Where's Wally? (41244) **7.30** Art Attack (60379) **8.00** Dennis the Menace (96621) **8.30** Batman (95992) **9.00** Battletech (86244) **9.30** Skeleton Warriors (22534) **10.00** Creepy Crawlers (34466) **10.30** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (15756) **11.00** Sonic the Hedgehog (67534) **11.30** Flash Gordon (68263) **12.00** Stunt Dawgs (28468) **12.30pm** Battletech (26350) **1.00** Skeleton Warriors (73843) **1.30** Creepy Crawlers (25621) **2.00** Cadillacs and Dinosaurs (5089) **2.30** Sonic the Hedgehog (9517) **3.00** Flash Gordon (7824) **3.30** Art Attack (2244) **4.00** Dennis the Menace (1379) **4.30-5.00** Batman (9373)

CARTOON NETWORK

Non-stop cartoons from **5.00am** to **9.00pm** Includes Tom and Jerry, Popeye and The Flintstones

NICKELODEON

6.00am Hero Turtles (84911) **6.30** Hero Turtles (64260) **7.00** Bruno the Kid (44718) **7.30** Bruno the Kid (56553) **8.00** Hey Arnold! (65737) **8.30** Hey Arnold! (64008) **9.00** Rugrats (48060) **9.30** Rugrats (84350) **10.00** Doug (20640) **10.30** Doug (44244) **11.00** Aaahh! Real Monsters (29350) **11.30** Aaahh! Real Monsters (37379) **12.00** Rocko (68824) **12.30pm** Rocko (95466) **1.00** Sister (43089) **1.30** Sister (94737) **2.00** Moesha (7805) **2.30** Moesha (7114) **3.00** Kenan and Kel (9540) **3.30** Kenan and Kel (9331) **4.00** Rugrats (8466) **4.30** Rugrats (7350) **5.00** Sister Sister (1485) **5.30** Sister Sister (8602) **6.00** Sabrina (8843) **6.30-7.00** Sabrina (9195)

TROUBLE

12.00 Heartbreak High (4986756) **1.00pm** Madison (8752640) **1.30** Sweet Valley High (4966992) **2.00** Hangtime (4267263) **2.30** California Dreams (3887195) **3.00** Byker Grove (4286398) **3.30** 9-2-5 (3882640) **4.00** Sweet Valley High (3878447) **4.30** Hangtime (3867331) **5.00** Saved by the Bell (4281843) **5.30** California Dreams (3887911) **6.00** Byker Grove (3888824) **6.30** Madison (3879176) **7.00-8.00** Heartbreak High (8066027)

BRAVO

8.00pm The New Twilight Zone (4287027) **8.30** The New Twilight Zone (4265534) **9.00** Monsters (3369185) **9.30** Twisted (4987485) **10.00** Tour of Duty (8065398) **11.00 FILM: Flesh and Blood** (2146114) **1.00am** Starsky and Hutch (4657428) **2.00** Tour of Duty (7898683) **3.00 FILM: The Fourth Man** (3133954) **5.00** The New Twilight Zone (8216866) **5.30** The New Twilight Zone (4815461)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Roseanne (1621) **7.30** Roseanne (5379) **8.00** Entertainment UK (7669) **8.30** Almost Perfect (6176) **9.00** Cheers (49114) **9.30** Cybill (75602) **10.00** Frasier (69553) **10.30** Monty Python's Flying Circus (45973) **11.00** Club Class (11331) **11.30** Nightstand (41466) **12.30pm** Sledgehammer (64935) **1.00** Cheers (13461) **1.30** Cybill (69138) **2.00** Entertainment UK (90041) **2.30** Club Class (86848) **3.00** Frasier (33225) **3.30-4.00** Almost Perfect (44408)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

8.00pm Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (1327176) **9.00 FILM: Firestarter** (22335466) **11.20** The World of Anime (6374973) **11.30 FILM: The Abominable Snowman** (3082840) **1.05am** The Twilight Zone (6157436) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (5111393) **2.00** Friday the 13th (6461916) **3.00-4.00** Dark Shadows (3142577)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting (7739447) **9.30** Garden Calendar (4976379) **10.00** Screaming Reels (4816350) **10.30** Doing it Up (7728331) **11.00** The Painted House (3352805) **11.30** This Old House with Steve and Norm (3353534) **12.00** Yan Can Cook (7742911) **12.30pm** Graham Kerr (4970195) **1.00** Today's Gourmet (8765114) **1.30** Home Again with Bob Vila (4979466) **2.00** Hometime (4270737) **2.30** Furniture on the Mend (3890669) **3.00** Our House (4259244) **3.30-4.00** This Old House with Steve and Norm (3885114)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Extremists (3874621) **4.30** Top Marques II (3870805) **5.00** Time Travellers (4261089) **5.30** Justice Files (3894485) **6.00** Wild Things (4989114) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (4274553) **7.30** Disaster (3871534) **8.00** Discover Magazine (8048621) **9.00** Hitler's Henchmen (8068485) **10.00** Discovery Signature: Superstructures! (3356621) **12.00** Wings of the Red Star (6203312) **1.00am** Disaster (9801670) **1.30-2.00** Beyond 2000 (2106596)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Weapons at War (5636973) **5.00** We Was All One (3557462) **6.00** The Battle of the Bulge (3006973) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Wild Bill Hickok (1341756)

CHALLENGE TV

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5.05pm Cross Wits (9448398) **5.50** Family Fortunes (914447) **6.20** Challenge TV's Family Days Out (543534) **6.30** Catchphrase (837485) **7.05** Winner Takes All (971553) **7.40** Give Us A Clue (782756) **8.20** All Clued Up (824466) **9.00** Through the Keyhole (158621) **9.25** Challenge TV's InnQuizition (519718) **9.35** Sale of the Century (499850) **10.05** Treasure Hunt (518447) **11.20** Studs (390553) **12.00** Winner Takes All (41596) **12.30am** Family Late: Hart to Hart (92935) **1.30** Moonlighting (35428) **2.30** The Byrds of Paradise (74480) **3.30** My Two Dads (19190) **4.00** The Fall Guy (45393) **5.00** HSN Direct Shopping (71157)

UK LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living (30200195) **9.05** A Woman Called Smith (7455485) **9.15** The Gordon Elliott Show (7747379) **10.05** Jerry Springer Uncut (7194486) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (7915398) **11.50** Brookside (9139008) **12.25pm** A Day in the Life Of (19239379) **12.55** Tempest (5172684) **1.40** Rolonda (6403843) **2.30** The Heat Is On (7509805) **3.00** Take a Letter (8853282) **3.30** Talkabout Quiz (9956992) **4.05** The Jerry Springer Show (4086379) **5.05** Lingo (44364060) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (7503621) **6.00** I Dream of Jeannie (9468602) **6.35** Ready, Steady Cook (9145244) **7.05** Hearts Afire (4771195) **7.35** Brookside (6363263) **8.05** Rolonda (6111756) **9.00 FILM: A Whisper Kills** (2573602) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone (2563805)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran **7.30** Zabaan Sambhal ke **8.00** Ganne Anjaane **8.30** India Business Report **9.00** Tamil Serial. Ha Ha Sirupu **9.30** Tamil Serial. Super Stunts **10.00** Fat a Fat **10.30** Haro Kal Aaj Aur Kal **11.00** Khoobsurat **11.30** Naaye Taraane **12.00** Sailaab **12.30pm** Raahat **1.00 FILM: Gharana** **4.00** ZEE Zone Presents **4.05** Mr Minloo **4.35** Aahas **5.00** Zone Time **5.25** Hum Zamoon **6.00** Dance Mania **6.30** ZEE and You **7.00** Aap Ki Farmaish **7.30** Chalo Cinema **8.00** News and Euronews **8.35** Daraar **9.05** Jaal **9.30** Ikke Pe Ikka **10.00** Tara **11.00-12.00** Sa Re Ga Ma

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CBI pushes for full PFI partnership

By Christine Buckley, Industrial Correspondent

THE Confederation of British Industry wants the Government to allow businessmen to help to run the Private Finance Initiative as the struggling programme for public sector building undergoes a radical overhaul.

The CBI, a sharp critic of the PFI for huge delays and heavy administration, wants to manage the policy as a partner. It has given warning of the urgent need to tackle problems and push ahead a large amount of work.

Charles Cox, chairman of the CBI's public procurement and efficiency committee, said: "The top priority is breaking the logjam in health, and avoiding it recurring in education and local government."

In health, where the injection of private cash through the PFI was intended to speed hospital development, the Government has more than 80 tenders awaiting action. Hospital development has almost ground to a halt as builders and developers wade through the large amount of administration required in the tendering process.

The Government will next month report on its sweeping review of the PFI, which is being led by Malcolm Bates, the chairman of Pearl Assurance and Premier Farnell. Mr Bates is expected to bring more industrial rationale and urgency to the process. Already the Treasury has abandoned universal testing of PFI projects and has sacked Alistair Ross Goobey as chairman of the Private Finance Panel.

With a series of calls for the PFI to be reformed, the CBI says it could help industry to work more effectively with the Government in the scheme that has so far pulled £7 billion of private cash into public infrastructure. The organisation said: "Formal recognition of the CBI as active partners to the Treasury would crystallise and signal the Government's commitment to teamwork." The CBI said the two bodies should work jointly on programmes and thereby harness "the CBI's position to build consensus within the private sector".

The CBI has urged the Government to appoint value-for-money ministers in the new-look PFI, whose responsibility it would be to make the best use of cash in projects. It has also called for more use of commercial advisers.

Last week one of the first PFI projects — the building of the bridge to the Isle of Skye — was criticised by the National Audit Office for leaping outside costing forecasts and for being undertaken after little market comparison of costs.

Other demands from the CBI include better project selection, a stronger legal framework and a public-private task force that would police PFI implementation. It said that the Private Finance Panel had been "hampered by not being clear on its role and authority and through unrealistic expectations about how hands-on non-executive directors can be".

The Government's review, expected to be completed by June 13, will need to improve public-private partnerships as a cornerstone of smoothing the whole operation.

The CBI was a consistent critic of the PFI under the last Government after it became clear that the programme was getting bogged down in delays. Companies pitching for PFI work complained that bidding costs were excessive, the process needlessly complicated and that decisions took an inordinate amount of time.

Last summer the CBI formed an alliance with Kenneth Clarke, the then Chancellor, to streamline the PFI and cut red tape. Yesterday it said that a full partnership would be "more effective than the alliance struck last year".

Branching out: Rising sales of cider have prompted H P Bulmer to look further afield for raw materials than its traditional Hereford orchards, where John Rudgard, managing director, left, and Alan Flockhart, finance director, are pictured. Bulmer is planting its first trees in Poland and Hungary and will shortly create the first ever cider orchards in Australia.

OECD praises Britain over labour reform

From Alasdair Murray in Paris

THE Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development yesterday attacked leading European countries that it believes are lagging behind in the introduction of vital labour market reform.

But Britain's record for reducing structural unemployment over the past decade is praised, in a report prepared for the institution's annual ministerial meeting.

The report, *Implementing the OECD Job Strategy: Lessons from Member Countries' Experience*, cited Britain along with The Netherlands, New Zealand, and the Irish Republic as role models for improving labour market performance through wide-ranging structural reform.

In the UK, the OECD estimates that the structural rate of unemployment has fallen from 10.2 per cent in 1986 to 7 per cent last year.

In contrast, the OECD claims that structural unemployment rates have risen sharply in Germany, France, and Italy over the past ten years, with all three falling behind the UK. The OECD argues that the piecemeal approach to labour market reform adopted by these countries has failed because it has reached only people at the margins of the labour market.

OECD ministers backed the report in a communiqué last night, saying that greater reform efforts are needed in most countries. But Jean Arthuis, French Finance Minister and OECD chairman, said: "There are several ways to undertake these reforms and you must take into account each individual country's context."

The new Labour Government attracted some criticism from other OECD members over its minimum wage policy.

☐ Helen Liddell, Treasury minister, refused to be drawn on weekend reports that the Government was considering stripping the Bank of England of its status as lender of last resort, the job to be passed on to the revamped Securities and Investments Board.

Left's victory hits French stock market

The French stock market fell sharply yesterday as traders reacted with surprise and concern to the left's victory in the first round of France's parliamentary elections on Sunday. The market suffered its biggest one-day fall in more than four years, losing 3.9 per cent of its total value. The prospect of a Socialist-led government, including communist ministers, raised fears that France would fail to meet the criteria for Economic and Monetary Union.

Retail cheer

The consumer upturn is about to gain a second wind, claims Verdict, the retail consultancy. It says that any slowdown at present will prove temporary, with spending set to be kick-started again by windfall gains from building society and insurance company flotations. Any tax rises in the Budget will fall on the corporate sector, says Verdict, and leave consumers unaffected.

EMI answers

'EMI, the music group, be forced to answer questions over the reported departure of two executives because of flat sales and speculation of a bid for the company by Seagram, the Canadian drinks and entertainment group, when it reports annual results today.'

Labour sell-off could raise £15bn

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE Government could raise more than £15 billion over the next five years with a programme of privatisation, a new think-tank study suggests today.

The proposals for privatisation under a Labour government are the first detailed suggestions for a programme of moving public sector organisations into the private sector since the idea of Labour doing so was raised by Tony Blair during the election campaign.

The study, from the free-market European Policy Forum, examines Labour's election statement that it no longer had any ideological objections to privatisation. It says: "Future government policy towards the disposal of state assets has been given a fresh relevance following the conversion of the Labour Party leadership to the principle of privatisation.

"Given the tight public expenditure targets which Labour committed itself to during the general election campaign, the sale of state-held assets can provide the essential headroom which the new Government requires in order to fulfil some of its most cherished political objectives."

Candidates include Companies House, the Royal Mint, the Land Registry and the Patent Office, while land sales would include land held by the Ministry of Defence and the Forestry Commission.

Looking at privatisations since 1979, the study says that the policy has produced "massive" benefits for the UK taxpayer, with the Exchequer receiving more than £80 billion in direct proceeds.

Beckett in Japan to promote trade

MARGARET BECKETT, President of the Board of Trade, has begun meeting Japanese ministers and business leaders to try to secure sustained investment in Britain (Christine Buckley writes).

She is seeing Japan's President, Prime Minister and ministers for finance and for international trade and industry during the three-day visit. She is also meeting Shoichiro Toyoda, honorary chairman of the Toyota Motor Corporation who heads the *Keidanren*, the Japanese equivalent of the CBI. The talks are likely to include prospects for a third model at Toyota's Burnaston plant which is close to Mrs Beckett's Derby South constituency.

European monetary union is also likely to figure strongly in the round of talks. Toyota warned the UK earlier this year that it would reconsider future investments if Britain did not make an early entry into a European single currency.

On the first major visit from Britain's new trade chief, Mrs Beckett will emphasise that Britain is still a strong supporter of inward investment. She will also try to boost the prospects of British exporters to Japan.

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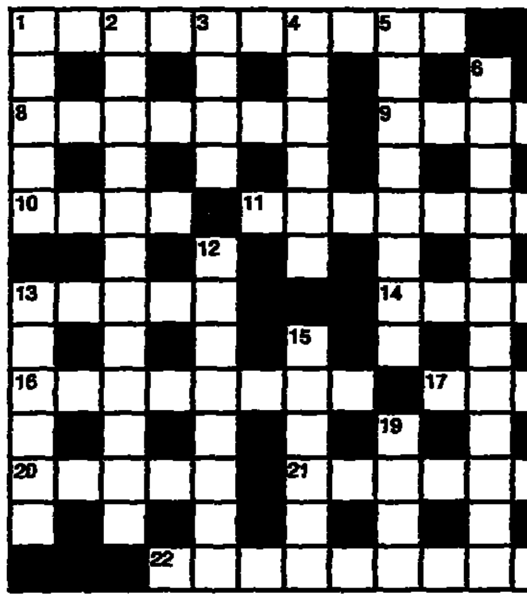

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IoD calls for mortgage tax relief to be scrapped

By Our Business Staff

THE Institute of Directors has set itself in opposition to the building industry and professional bodies such as the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors with a call that ten million households should be gradually deprived of mortgage tax relief, starting in the forthcoming Budget.

Tim Melville-Ross, the IoD Director-General, said the housing market was robust enough to cope with the move. "I think the chances of there being a house-price explosion along the lines of what we saw towards the end of the 1980s are pretty remote," he told BBC Radio 4. "Nevertheless, the housing market in some parts of the country is pretty robust. We feel people will continue to buy houses even if mortgage interest tax relief is phased out."

The ditching of the tax relief, which is worth a maximum of £28.50 a month to homeowners after a series of cuts in its scope in recent Budgets, would save the Exchequer more than £2 billion a year. But builders have campaigned for its retention, and a survey from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors said abolition would hit hardest homeowners in the North of England, where prices are lowest.

Melville-Ross: robust market

At the same time another senior business figure came out in favour of a slight increase in taxes in the Budget. Adair Turner, Director-General of the Confederation of British Industry, said: "It would limit the extent to which the Bank of England would have to rely solely on interest rates to contain inflation, and a rise in interest rates at the moment might have the disadvantage of putting up the exchange rate further to the disadvantage of the export sector."

Australia's big four accused of collusion

Banks 'staged a chorus line'

From Rachel Bridge in Sydney

AUSTRALIA'S big four banks have been compared to a line of high-kicking chorus girls after angry accusations that they colluded over a less than generous reduction in their lending rates.

The banks claim their simultaneous move was a complete coincidence, a line queried by the country's competition watchdog and both the Government and the Opposition. An immediate inquiry has been called for after National Australia Bank, Westpac, ANZ and the Commonwealth Bank simultaneously announced they would be cutting their home loan rate by just 0.35 per cent after the Reserve Bank of Australia's decision to reduce the official interest rate by 0.5 per cent to 5.5 per cent.

Gareth Evans, the deputy Opposition leader, said: "It's like a line of chorus girls all with impeccable timing raising their leg exactly so high. It is a little hard to believe they did so without any degree of advance collaboration."

Professor Allan Fels, chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, said he would be asking the four banks to provide him with management reports and documents to justify their actions.

Bob Joss, Westpac chief executive, insisted yesterday that the decision was complete coincidence. He said: "There is no way that we talked to anybody or that we collude in this sort of thing."

David Murray, Commonwealth's chief executive, said: "We don't believe in collusion. We believe in competition."

But Australian Treasurer Peter Costello condemned the banks. "Interest rate reductions are not for the benefit of the banks but the customers."

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